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H.K. ROPE COMPANY MEETING.

Bigger Turnover Last Year.

STAFF BONUS PROPOSED.

An increased turnover for the year, reflected in the accounts, was noted by Mr. R. G. Shewan, who took the chair at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd., held in the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., this morning.

The Chairman added that the present year had begun well, although he would not care to prophesy as to future prospects. A dividend of 75 cents per share was recommended, and \$70,000 carried forward, after provision had been made to write off Plant and Machinery, and Factory Buildings at Ma-tau-kok.

The Chairman made a sympathetic reference to the death of the late works manager, Mr. W. Gardner, and asked the approval of the meeting of a donation to the widow, of \$2,500.

Mr. Chin Wing-ku congratulated the management and staff upon the successful outcome of the year's working, and proposed a bonus to the staff as a recognition of their efforts. The Chairman said that this would be dealt with, and inserted the words "and a bonus to the staff" in the resolution put to the meeting.

Chairman's Speech.
The Chairman, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—

The gross revenue amounts to \$221,016.99 and after deducting Directors' and auditors' fees, depreciation, interest and commission to General Managers there remains a net profit of \$181,774.99 for the year, which compares very favourably with the corresponding figure for the previous year which was \$168,778.30.

Transferring the amount of \$181,774.99 to Profit and Loss Account there is a balance at credit of \$540,897.97.

With regard to the dividend of 75 cents per share your Directors consider that this amount is fully justified in view of the conservative policy which they adopted in the allocation of profits for 1929.

Increased Turnover.
The turnover for last year shows a marked increase and this is reflected in the accounts now laid before you and which I think you will agree with me are satisfactory.

The total amount of rent collected for the Kennedy Town houses was \$31,933.95 as compared with \$31,830.76 for 1929, and \$21,336.78 for the Ma-tau-kok property as compared with \$17,423.22 for 1929.

As regards the prospects for the present year I do not care to prophesy; but, so far, I may say we have begun the year well. In the face of the fluctuations which take place in the price of raw material and Exchange it is not safe to say more than that.

Mr. Gardner's Death.
I cannot conclude my remarks without referring to the blow this Company has sustained in the death of our late Works Manager, Mr. W. Gardner, in August last. We deplore his loss as the loss of not only a gifted mechanical engineer, which he was, but also of one who was a most trustworthy and faithful servant for over 43 years.

I am quite sure that you will approve of the donation to the widow of Mr. Gardner, of \$2,500 which appears in the accounts and which is, of course, in addition to what he was entitled to from the Provident Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. F. A. Xavier, and passed unanimously, the Chairman having inserted the words "and to pay a bonus to the staff" in the resolution, after Mr. Chin Wing-ku had proposed that the granting of a bonus be considered by the Directors.

Bonus Proposal.
Mr. Chin Wing-ku said:—
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—With your permission I wish to say a few words. I feel confident that shareholders will join me in congratulating the Board, the General Managers and the staff of the company on the satisfactory results of the past financial year's working, which we hope indicates continuous prosperity. It is needless to say that such

"GANDHISM WILL NOT DIE WITH ME."

Indian Leader Joins the Immortals.

"NONE CAN HARM ME."

Karachi, Yesterday.
Mahatma Gandhi held tens of thousands spellbound for nearly an hour during an address on the Congress grounds. He said: "None can harm me. As long as God wills I shall serve India, and Gandhism, which my young friends shouted down yesterday, will not die with my death or its believers."

Referring to the black cloth flower presented to him yesterday on his arrival at Malir, he said: "If the youth who gave it comes and confesses the error of his way I shall return it."

Cawnpore Riots.
New Delhi, Yesterday.

A message from Cawnpore states that rigid censorship is being enforced with the result that there are no definite figures as to casualties available, though the dead are still placed at fifty. Many of the dead and injured are still lying in the streets.

Railway traffic to Cawnpore is restricted to urgent cases.

Karachi, Yesterday.
The Cawnpore riots have disturbed the atmosphere of the All-India Congress. Gandhi in a statement said: "I cannot too strongly condemn this strife."

Crowds outside his camp, which is surrounded with barbed-wire, cheered Gandhi all day long. Gandhi in an article in his paper Young India declares that Britain, when we reach a state of honourable association, may well become India's chief supplier.

Official Estimate.
Karachi, Later.

New Delhi reports that the official statement regarding casualties in the Cawnpore riots places the number of dead at 49 and wounded in hospital at 250. Part of the city has been cleared but sporadic rioting continues in the outlying areas. The serious phase of the trouble is over and the situation is well in hand.

Eighty of the injured in the Cawnpore riots have died in hospitals, namely 48 Moslems and 32 Hindus. Looting, arson and assaults continue, but the Police reinforcements arrived early and improvement is anticipated.

Heavy Casualties.
Cawnpore, Yesterday.

The latest casualty is 100 killed and 300 in hospital.—Reuter.

An employee of the Crown Lands Office, of 15 years standing, was charged before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with the theft of a quantity of stationery, the property of the Government. He pleaded guilty. Two shopkeepers were charged with unlawful receiving. The hearing was adjourned to Tuesday.

Excellent results have been attained through good management, combined with loyalty and co-operation on the part of the staff, and in view of this I now beg to propose that a bonus be given to the staff in recognition of the hard work and loyal support given.

Mr. O. F. Ribeiro having supported the proposal, the Chairman replied that the matter would be attended to by the Directors. If it were left to them, shareholders could be assured that the bonus would be granted.

Other Business.
The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. J. Scott Harston, retiring Directors, were re-elected, upon the motion of Mr. H. Dreyer, seconded by Mr. J. Dick.

The auditors, Messrs. Linstead and Davis, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, were re-elected upon the motion of Mr. K. Stuart-Smith, seconded by Mr. J. A. Wright, Jr.

Those Present.
Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Messrs. J. Scott Harston and L. Kadoorie (Directors), together with Mr. J. Coulthart (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. F. A. Xavier, K. Stuart-Smith, Kelly Sayce, A. K. Ribeiro, J. A. Wright, Jr., B. Wong Tape, F. H. Kew, W. A. Zimmerman, K. P. Young, A. L. Shields, L. W. Shewan, J. Dick, J. Toppin, D. Dreyer, A. A. Botelho, J. F. Tavares, Chin Wing-ku, and C. K. Wing-hay.

IRAQ OILFIELDS AGREEMENT.

Income Tax to Be Charged on Profits.

ANNUAL PAYMENT.

London, Yesterday.
An agreement has been signed between the Iraq Government and the Iraq Petroleum Company, comprising British, French, American and Dutch interests, after months of protracted negotiations, principally involving income tax which the Iraq Government originally claimed on the profits derived from the Company's operations even outside Iraq. The agreement provides income tax on profits in Iraq only and an annual consolidated payment of the pipe line of production. The agreement disposes of the nine lines which are being built both to Tripoli and Haifa.—Reuter.

New Oilfield.
Austin, Texas, Yesterday.

A conference is being held here in an effort to secure the ratification of the new East Texas oilfield. East Texas oilmen say they will agree to rationing when oil imports are cut to 16,000,000 barrels a year.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey announced that it would cut imports from 60,000 to 45,000 barrels daily for three months as a trial from April 10. The Dutch Shell Co. has ordered cuts of fifty per cent, and the Gulf Company cuts of twenty-five per cent.—Reuter's American Service.

STATE MONOPOLY FOR DRUGS.

Regulation Approved By Turkey.

FACTORIES TO CLOSE.

Constantinople, Yesterday.
The Parliamentary Committee at Ankara has approved of the proposed State monopolisation of the manufacture, import and export of drugs. The Committee has ordered three drug factories here to liquidate their affairs within six months. It is expected that a drug monopolisation law will be passed by the new Parliament, which meets on May 5.—Reuter.

DRIZZLE OR MIST.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone has strengthened slightly and is central near Shanghai. Fresh monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Forecast:—N. E. winds; fresh; generally overcast; some drizzle or mist.

Rainfall.
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m.—0.02 inch. Rainfall since January 1—4.05 inches against an average of 5.64 inches—deficit 1.59 inch. Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 64
Macao 63
Pratas Island 72
Manila 74
Fochow 60
Amoy 53
Swatow 60
Chefoo 34
Shanghai 35

STOP PRESS

Karachi, Yesterday.
It appears that Gandhi is ready to stake his career on the Congress vote. Sitting before a spinning wheel in his hut at the Congress camp the Mahatma told a group of journalists the Delhi "Irwin-Gandhi" settlement, the only course open to him would be to retire temporarily from political life as rejection would be a vote of non-confidence in himself. If the agreement were ratified he would not accept an open mandate from the Congress to the Round Table Conference, but ask for a restricted mandate defining the terms of independence and safeguards.—Reuter.

COLONY OF "VICE"

ANOTHER ATTACK ON HONG KONG.

"SLAVERY"

ALLEGATION QUITE UNTRUE.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Lords, replying to the Labourite, Earl Kinnoull, Lord Passfield said that the allegation that slavery existed in Hong Kong and was condoned by the Government of Hong Kong was absolutely untrue. He could only suppose that it referred to the system of mui tsai and the possible abuses thereof, which, however, were farthest removed from slavery.

The recent request of the working of the new regulation showed that the number of mui tsai had been reduced to 4,117.

Offences against the Ordinance had been prosecuted and there was reason to believe that the system provided against abuse, and would disappear after a few years.

Lord Passfield emphasised that the finding of corpses and infants in the streets had nothing to do with mui tsai.

It was impossible to make a large population of Chinese bury their dead children. The Government had been striving for years to prevent the practice. The finding of the corpses of infants in the streets of a big city was not uncommon, and the number found in London was somewhat considerable.—Reuter.

Worse in Shanghai.
Shanghai, To-day.

More than 36,000 bodies were picked up in Shanghai's streets during last year, of which more than 34,000 were infants, states an official report.

Every day collectors are sent out to bring in these unclaimed bodies which are usually cast away in secluded streets and alleys, and bury them before they can constitute a menace to public health.

These figures cover the Foreign Settlement, the French Concession, and the Chinese city, the total population of which is three millions.—Reuter.

TIM HEALY DEAD.

FIRST GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF FREE STATE.

FAMOUS POLITICIAN.

London, Yesterday.
The death occurred to-day of the famous Irish politician and first Governor-General of the Irish Free State, Mr. Timothy Michael Healy, K.C., in his seventy-sixth year.—Reuter.

Mr. Healy was born at Bantury in 1855 and was called to the Irish Bar in 1885, being appointed Queen's Counsel in 1889, and was admitted as a Benchet at



Mr. T. Healy.

Gray's Inn, London, in 1905, being called to the English Bar in 1908. He successfully contested the Wexford Division in 1880 and also sat in Parliament for South Londonderry, County Monaghan, Louth, Longford and N.E. Cork. His publications include "Stolen

TROUBLE OVER THE GANDE, PRICE & CO., MEETING.

Refusal to Submit to League Enquiry?

MR. HENDERSON'S VIEWS.

Paris, Yesterday.
Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Minister, told British Press men to-day that if the Austrian and German Governments declined to submit the Customs plan to the League of Nations he would have to consider the situation, but he could not imagine this to be their final attitude.—Reuter.

[Mr. Henderson is at present in Paris, attending the International Committee with reference to the European Economic Union proposal.]

Tory Opinion.
Rugby, Yesterday.

Next year's World Disarmament Conference was mentioned in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Donald Maclean. In debate many members emphasised the great importance of reviewing the agreement and assured the Government of support in an active policy to enable them to reach success.

Sir Donald first referred to the proposal of Germany and Austria to enter into a Customs Union and the welcome gesture made by the Foreign Secretary in Paris that the matter should be taken to, and discussed in a friendly spirit by the League of Nations.

He hoped that we might see the beginning of a cessation of the devastating war in tariffs between Nations which was more productive of competition than armaments that the whole range of national antipathies put together.

Trade Revival.
On disarmament, Sir Donald said that a revival of trade and the mitigation of unemployment depended very largely on getting rid of competitive armaments. A tremendous task was imposed on next year's Conference and he believed the whole country would be behind the British delegates.

If the Conference failed humanity would be placed on a descending scale leading to the destruction of civilisation.

The Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Hugh Dalton, replying for the Government, said that in regard to the proposed Austrian-German Customs agreement he had no more information to give. He could only say that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson, was very anxious that no movement promising a reduction to European Tariffs should be jeopardised by a misunderstanding or a mistake.

They were following a policy which they had always pursued, that any question in which susceptibilities might be aroused should be considered in a friendly atmosphere by the Council of the League of Nations.

As to disarmament, he was very glad to notice the growing feeling in all parties in the need for a check to the continual increasing of armaments. The Government could go forward in the knowledge that all parties were behind them.

Sir Austin Chamberlain, after saying that Conservatives fully shared the hope for the success of the Disarmament Conference, referred to the Austrian-German Customs proposal and said that whatever view we took, we and other Nations who had been engaged in conferences for the proposed tariff truce or in conversations and conferences which had taken place for some closer union among European States, had reason to complain when a project of that kind was secretly matured while those Conversations were proceeding and was suddenly sprung on other parties.

He could not help feeling that it showed a want of diplomatic tact on the part of the two parties not to have taken the other Nations earlier into their confidence. He was wholly with the Foreign Secretary in the course he had decided to take of bringing this matter before the Council of the League of Nations. He was very glad that Mr. Henderson had done that.—British Wireless Service.

Waters. "A Word for Ireland." "Loyalty Plus Murder." "Why Ireland is not Free." "The Great Fraud of Ulster," and other political books. He acted as Governor-General of the Free State from 1922 to 1928.

GANDE, PRICE & CO., MEETING.

Satisfactory Return in Hard Times.

STAFF'S UNTIRING EFFORTS.

Mr. S. C. Pank, who took the chair at the annual meeting of Messrs. Gande, Price and Co., Ltd., held in the office of the company this morning, stated that in view of the difficult trading period through which the Colony in general is passing, the results for the year under review could be considered as satisfactory.

Working profit showed an increase of \$1,247.45, but a special profit of \$41,566.83 had been realised from the sale of a portion of the company's property. Trading profit showed an increase of over \$3,000. The company's property was now fully let, and the present year's rental should be fully maintained in future.

The Directors had decided to grant a bonus to the staff, in view of their untiring efforts year after year, and in addition were fully agreed that a special bonus should be granted to the Managing Director in view of his foresight as regards the sale of property, which had resulted in a substantial profit. A balance of \$25,257.48 was carried forward to the next account.

Chairman's Speech.
The Chairman, moving the formal resolution, said:—

Gentlemen:—You will observe that our working profit for the under review has increased by \$1,247.45, which, in view of the difficult trading period through which we are passing your Directors consider as satisfactory.

The results for the year show a balance transferred to the credit of Appropriation Account of \$56,377.53, an increase over the previous year of \$44,801.02. This is mainly due to the special profit of \$41,566.83 realised from the sale of a portion of our property, or, in other words, approximately 40 per cent, on our Praya East Reclamation Holding.

The trading profit is \$10,410.70 against \$7,175.51 for the previous year—an increase of \$3,234.19, which includes an increase on Property rental of \$1,912.97. Our property is now fully let, and this year's rental should be fully maintained in the future.

Dividend and Bonus.
The amount of \$4,090.79 brought forward from credit of Profit and Loss Account for 1929, makes a total credit of \$56,068.32 for appropriation, which your Directors recommend to be allocated as follows:—Payment of a dividend of 5 per cent, absorbing \$9,052.50; a bonus of 10 per cent, absorbing \$18,105; a bonus to the managing director of 5 per cent, absorbing \$2,078.34; and a bonus of one month's salary to the staff, absorbing \$1,575. This leaves a balance of \$25,257.48 to be carried forward to this year's account.

Reward of Foresight.
Gentlemen, your Directors wish to state that the amount of \$41,566.83 profit realised on the sale of the property was mainly due to the foresight of your Managing Director, and therefore, they feel confident you will agree with them that the bonus allocated to him is fully deserved.

As you are aware, much of the success of the Company is due to the untiring efforts of our staff. Year after year we have had consistently good services from them, and I think you will all agree with me that we should this year at least make some more fitting reward to them than a formal vote of thanks.

The Board have suggested a bonus of a month's salary to each member, and I am sure their suggestion will meet with your unanimous approval. (Applause.)

Thanks to the Staff.

Mr. Pang Kwok-siu in seconding the motion, said:—On behalf of the shareholders I second the proposal of the chairman. I wish to congratulate our directors for the efficient management, and their staff on the good results achieved during the year under review. In view of the abnormal conditions that have existed during the past year, I consider we are extremely fortunate in having such a satisfactory Balance Sheet placed before us.

I fully endorse the complimentary remarks of the Board with reference to our managing director and the staff of the company, and have much pleasure in seconding the

CAR SPEED IN STUBBS ROAD.

"Not Only Terrible But Ridiculous."

DOCTOR FINED \$50.

That travelling at a speed of 30 miles an hour when rounding a bend on the Stubbs Road on the wrong side of the road, was not only terrible but ridiculous, was a statement advanced by Traffic Inspector C. F. Alexander. In the Central Police Court this morning, when Dr. O. G. Wittern, of Pedder Building, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield, for having driven his motor car (No. 2397) in a negligent manner in Stubbs Road on March 8.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Collision Averted.

Inspector Alexander said that three cars were coming down Stubbs Road, and at a bend near Bowen Road, defendant, who was driving the second car, attempted to overtake and pass the front vehicle. At this time there was another car (which had as its passengers, Mr. H. E. Goldsmith and Mr. W. Handley-Pegg) was coming up, and to avert a collision this car driver (a Chinese) had to put on the brakes almost instantly. Defendant's car then shot across to its right side and in doing so, caused the third car to run into a banking, and a second collision was thus averted.

Mr. Goldsmith bore out Inspector Alexander's statement, and, replying to the Magistrate, said that it was quite possible that Dr. Wittern did not know of the accident to the third car.

Quick Work Praised.

Corroborative evidence was given by Mr. Handley-Pegg, who stated that when they first saw defendant's car appearing round the bend, it was between 15 and 20 yards away. "He was very quick in getting back, I must say that," witness added.

Inspector Alexander said that negligence was proved when an up-going car had to apply its brakes in order to avoid a collision with a down-coming vehicle.

Defendant, in evidence, said that he sounded his horn to pass the first car, and when he (Dr. Wittern) was passing it at 30 m.p.h. the driver of that car also accelerated.

Certainly Dangerous.

The Magistrate held that 30 miles an hour was certainly a dangerous speed on the wrong side of a bend at Stubbs Road. He gave on the part of defendant's thought there was distinct negligence, and the evidence went to show that defendant tried to overtake the car ahead, too near the corner. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

Other Cases.

For failing to carry a properly lit rear light on his car in Queen's Road Central at night, Mr. D. G. MacAvoy was fined \$2. Defendant explained that when he started out the light was functioning perfectly, but it must have burned out.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Mr. J. A. Grant, who pleaded guilty to having driven a motor car in Stubbs Road on March 8, without a driver's licence. Mr. Grant stated that he held a driver's licence at home in 1919, but had lost it.

adoption of the report and accounts. The motion was carried unanimously.

Those Present.

Mr. Kenneth Chan, the retiring Director, was re-elected, upon the motion of Mr. C. Bond, seconded by Mr. D. Rumjahn.

The auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, were re-elected upon the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Leung Yan-po.

Supporting the Chairman were Mr. Leung Yan-po (director), and Mr. C. Bond, (secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. Chow Tung-sang, Wong Kung-yue, Pang Kwok-siu, Pang Kwok-fat and D. Rumjahn. Mr. Chan Ngan-chau attended in the interests of the estate of the late Mr. Siu Ying-chow.

Before the meeting terminated, Mr. C. Bond, on behalf of the staff of the Company, extended very sincere thanks with respect to the granting of a bonus of a month's salary. He felt sure that the action of the Directors would be received with much pleasure by the staff.

The new speed tape ticker machine, 80 of which were installed at the beginning of the year by Canadian Pacific Telegraphs, handles with ease 100 quotations per minute as compared with the 80 to 85 quotation-record it now supercedes. As a result of this installation, the Winnipeg Grain Exchange is now second only to New York in exchange quotation possibilities. Exact time of the individual message is about a second and a half which means almost instantaneous transmission of quotations. Inset is photograph of John McMillan, general manager, Canadian Pacific Telegraphs.



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HEIAN MARU	Tuesday, 21st April.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 4th April.
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 18th April.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 25th April.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Saturday, 23rd May.
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 23rd May.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 23rd May.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Tuesday, 31st March.
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Tuesday, 31st March.
TANGO MARU	Saturday, 11th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Wednesday, 22nd April.
BOKYO MARU	Wednesday, 22nd April.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Tuesday, 14th April.
KANAGAWA MARU	Tuesday, 14th April.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Tuesday, 31st March.
TOBA MARU	Tuesday, 31st March.
LISBON MARU	Monday, 13th April.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa.	Monday, 13th April.
LIMA MARU	Monday, 13th April.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Sunday, 29th March.
MORIOKA MARU	Sunday, 29th March.
MALACCA MARU	Wednesday, 8th April.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.	Wednesday, 1st April.
WAKASA MARU	Friday, 3rd April.
HAKUSAN MARU	Friday, 3rd April.
HARUNA MARU	Friday, 17th April.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Alaska Maru	Sun.	8th Apr.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Buenos Aires Maru	Sun.	29th Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Shinnoh Maru	Fri.	3rd Apr.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHAKA via Singapore & Colombo.	Canada Maru	Wed.	1st Apr.
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Brisbane Maru	Mon.	6th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Burma Maru	Wed.	1st Apr.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Africa Maru (from Shanghai)	Wed.	15th Apr.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kivanshi Maru	Sat.	4th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	London Maru	Sun.	5th Apr.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	2nd Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Canton Maru	Sun.	29th Mar.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).			

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LIFE ON LIGHTSHIP.

Landlubbers are wrong in imagining that life on a lightship is monotonous and unattractive. The men on the Bar Lightship at the mouth of Mersey, for example, have only their shipmates for company for a month at a time. Life on a lightship has its compensations, a Liverpool correspondent learned, on visiting this lightship and those at Crosby and Formby, in company with officials of the Mersey Mission to Seamen. The annual visit at the festive season was notable for the fact that it was the first time for 21 years the Mission representatives were able to board Bar light-

ship. The weather was quite mild and the sea was as smooth as a mill pond. That the crews do not feel loneliness very much was gathered from Captain E. T. Abbott, of the Bar Lightship.

"Lonely!" he exclaimed, "we have no time to be lonely. I have been at this task for 19 years, and I have never been lonely. My predecessor was on this work for 40 years. We are all married men, and we get home for a fortnight after each spell of a month on board. We engage in all kinds of hobbies in our spare time, such as making mats and furniture. Some of the boys make wireless sets. Wireless is a great boon. My hobby is knitting."

GUNS OF THE FLEET.

'Action' Brings Ordered Pandemonium.

In a previous article a British fleet at sea was compared to a small floating town, much like any other town but for its lack of the fatherly and guiding hands of Town Councilors and of the civilising, or unsettling, presence of women. Emphasis was laid on the singularly peaceful and ordered atmosphere of its corporate life, which a short sharp call on the bugle can, however, dispel in a moment, transfiguring it, as if by magic, into a town of flame, smoke and uproar—an ordered pandemonium.

A man of war is unique in this respect, because its calm exterior and unruffled life continue unchanged in peace or in war, writes the Morning Post Naval Correspondent. Indeed, pending the bugle-call to "Action" against a battle-practice target in peace, or to "Action" against a hostile fleet upon the issue of which hangs the fate of a world, eight bells will be struck, the "Hands" will be piped to dinner, and decks will be "cleared up" with equal method and care. The organisation for battle is always complete; a man of war in commission is always ready.

In order to give a brief picture of Naval Gunnery let us suppose that H.M.S. Nelson is to carry out her battle practice at 1.30 p.m. Before dinner, the time at which Action sections will be sounded off, the Boatswain's mate will "pass the word" by pipe, now alas distorted from the musical tones for which Boatswain's mates in the past were justly famous, to the diabolical bray of a score of loud-speakers. When "Action" is sounded a human stampede takes place and 2,800 feet will convey 1,400 vile bodies, as though the devil were after them, or they after the devil, to the fighting tops, the 16in. gun turrets, magazines and shell-rooms, and to the transmitting stations in the bowels of the ship.

The stokers, under the engineer officers, form their fire parties, the Gunners officer climbs to the gun-control position, and the Captain to the Bridge. The ringing of a score of bells, the sharp report of nine electric tubes, and the sound of a few short orders is the audible evidence that communications and gear-circuits are being tested.

Target 21 Miles Away. In five minutes at the most silence will reign, broken occasionally by the faint hiss from the hydraulic gear of the turrets, which by now will be trained on board. The muzzles of the great guns are pointing skywards at an unbroken horizon, but over the edge of the world, concealed below the curvature of the earth's surface, there steams an unseen target, directed by wireless, 21 miles away.

For a few moments the muzzles of the 16in. guns can be seen to creep gently up and down, and fore

and aft, a motion which indicates that the gun-sights are being accurately laid to the pointers controlled from the "Director." But, on the 'commence fire,' with blinding flashes, with a deep roar and with a concussion that shakes the ship, and which not infrequently removes the Captain's cap, five shells, each little short of a ton, are sped on their way to the invisible target-ship at an average speed of 1,140 miles per hour—three and a half times the speed of the Schneider Trophy winner. Moreover, there are hundreds of such rounds in the locker.

One and a half minutes later the five shells will strike the water near the target in a compact mass, throwing up a great water-spout, which, if very near, will drench the ship with spray. During the first few salvoes it is unlikely, at so great a range, that a direct hit will be obtained. In the interval between the flash and the splash these thunderbolts will have travelled on a curve 23 miles long and, if Mount Everest rose sheer between the guns and the target, would have cleared its remote and snow-clad summit by 1,000 feet. Sound dawdles so slowly that those in the target ship will hear the report of the discharge 10 seconds after they witness the water-spout or feel the shock of impact.

Action at these great ranges was impossible 20 years ago, not because the appropriate guns could not have been constructed, but because of the lack of means to "spot" the fall of shot, and thus to correct the sights, which the Naval Air Arm now makes possible. Out of sight, over the crest of the earth, the spotting aeroplanes are rushing through the air at 100 m.p.h., and upon the accurate wireless reports of a young naval lieutenant, crouching in his little flying cockleshell, depends the success, and thus the value, of the action. Indeed, few things better illustrate the slavish dependence of matter upon mind than does the effectiveness of these great guns upon the immaterial brain of the observer.

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Whereas "Day Action," with heavy or light guns, proceeds in an atmosphere of tense calm between the salvoes, "Night Action" is another matter, providing, as it has from time immemorial, a setting for curves, exasperation, and therefore for humour. Every stance, from the batteries to the tops, contains an eye eager to spot the ghostly target. A determination to keep as cool as a vanilla ice inspires all officers and men. Search-lights and star-shell are ready, guns are loaded, and nerves are as taut as fiddle-strings.

A tendency, in the prevailing gloom, "to see things" develops. Uncertainty as to the accuracy of Able-seaman Dead-eye's vision, resulting in a firm report of the target, gives rise to conversation considerably above a whisper. On go the search-lights, up go the star-shell, but where Dead-eye's target may be is a question that is asked in terms and phrases that are, we must hope, foreign to most of us. "Switch off! Switch on! Who fired that—gun? Sound the still! Carry on..." In the middle of which the real target narrowly misses the side of the ship opposite to that on which this ghostly battle has been taking place.

Though such a night action in peace is the exception and not the rule, it is not exceptionally rare because, on a dark night, and with a most trifling error in the ship's "dead-reckoning" circumstances may make confusion inevitable. For night operations the relative merits of star-shell and search-lights for the illumination of the target, provide as ready a bone of violent contention between Gunners and Torpedo officers as does Lord's Day observance between Municipal authorities.

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, March 25.
Tensan Maru, Japanese str., 1,638 tons, Capt. K. Kajikawa, from Port Arthur, buoy No. B23.—D.K.K.

Thursday, March 26.
Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Amoy, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.
Chip Shing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. S. Pithick, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. B22.—J. M. & Co.
Hailkon, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. B18.—Wo Fat Sing.

Javanece Prince, British str., 3,656 tons, Captain J. Smith, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—Furness (Far-East) & Co.

Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larler, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,527 tons, Capt. A. F. Summerfield, from Swatow, buoy No. B17.—B. & S.

Mao Lee, Chinese str., 1,209 tons, Capt. Y. Watanabe, from Swatow, buoy No. C4.—Yee Tai Hong.

Oostkerk, Dutch str., 5,001 tons, Capt. J. H. Gunther Mohr, from Manila, buoy No. A2.—J.C.J.L.

Rajputana, British str., 1,643 tons, Capt. H. M. Jack, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Yokohama on March 25 (Wed.) at 2 p.m., left Yokohama on March 26 (Thurs.) at 8 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on April 4 (Sat.). She leaves Vancouver on April 11 (Sat.).

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Kobe on March 26 (Thurs.) at 2.30 p.m., left Kobe on March 27 (Fri.) at 5 a.m., and is due at Nagasaki on March 28 (Sat.) at 6 a.m. She leaves Nagasaki on March 28 (Sat.) at 3 p.m. She is due here on April 1 (Wednesday), berthing at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf, and will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on April 2 (Thursday).

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Mar. 5) & Europe via Siberia (London, Mar. 9) Asama Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, March 7) President Taft

SATURDAY, MARCH 28.

Java Tjimanok
Shanghai and Swatow Szechuen
SUNDAY, MARCH 29.
Japan St. Albans
Manila Empress of Japan.
Shanghai and Amoy Tjikembang

MONDAY, MARCH 30.

Manila President Jackson
Calcutta and Straits Yuen Sang
Straits Kidderpore

OUTWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28.

Manila President Taft 4.30 p.m.
Haliphong Amoy 5 p.m.
Fochow via Swatow Chip Shing 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East & South Africa and *South American Ports Buenos Aires Maru 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kwangtung 12.30 p.m.
Swatow Hydrangon 3 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 30.

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*KIDDERPORE	9,144	9th May	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KIDDERPORE	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	15,132	30th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KIDDERPORE	8,855	6th June	Marsa, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*KIDDERPORE	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	9,005	4th July	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KIDDERPORE	16,519	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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*KIDDERPORE	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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*KIDDERPORE	6,853	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
*KIDDERPORE	16,556	17th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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is necessary to compare the figures
with those for corresponding
months in previous years. When
that is done the December amount
shows a decline of £4,884 from 1929,
when the conditions as regards
derating were the same, and nearly
£11,000 from 1928, subject, how-
ever, in the latter case to an allow-
ance, the amount of which has not
been stated precisely, for the fact
that the derating complication did
not arise until October, 1929. Last
year's traffic receipts are now
officially reported to have been
£1,395,567, or £133,217 less than in
1929. The actual position, how-
ever, was at least £40,000 better
than that. When derating came
into operation, the company being
relieved of 75 per cent. of its local
rates on the waterways, and many
of its buildings which are not mere-
ly storage places, the benefit of the
concession had to be passed on to
customers, and this was done by re-
ducing tolls. It appears to be pos-
sible that these reductions exceeded
the amount saved in rates, but ship-
ping depression, consequent upon
the stagnation in Lancashire trade,
must have been the main cause of
the fall in the traffic receipts, and
the strike in April was also an im-
portant one. The last traffic re-
turn before the present one stated:
"Against the reduction in receipts
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sent-day ships suggest the scenery
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going so far as that, we must ex-
press a certain sympathy with the
outraged feelings of this commenta-
tor. There has undoubtedly been
too rigid an adherence to the con-
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conventional lines, and that period
furnishing represents the only pos-
sible solution.

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following a definite period in de-
coration has been dying during the
past decade and some of the modern
furnishings on shore are exquisite
to a degree. Yet the ship decora-
tor hesitates—possibly he is in-
structed to hesitate—before break-
ing away in the least from es-
tablished conventions. The result
is admittedly, usually very at-
tractive, but it does not wholly
coincide with modern ideas, nor
does it always attune itself with
the atmosphere of the ship as a
whole.

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examples of modern furnishing in

ships, specially abroad, and we
might instance the Kungsholm and
the Balserat. Possibly, some may
consider that the artists responsible
for the Kungsholm went too far in
projecting themselves into the
future, but none would deny the
vitality and beauty of the decora-
tions. These ships are not alone
in their break-away from tradition,
and in many recent vessels some of
the public rooms are decorated on
more modern lines. We believe
that ships' architects are only too
anxious to show what can be ac-
complished, but, in most cases,
shipowners fear to take the plunge,
believing the public demands period
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miralty chart of the place and
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on the chart unless preceded by an
asterisk (*), when they should be
subtracted from the depths.

March 27 to April 2, 1931.

Dates	High Water	Low Water
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March 28	11.55	2.25
March 29	13.05	3.35
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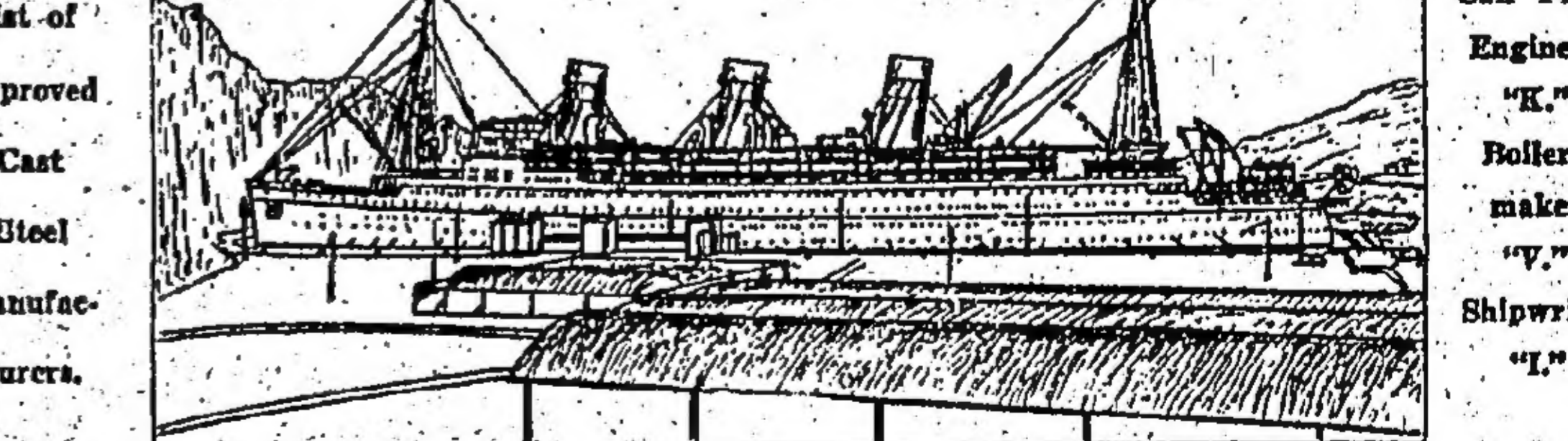
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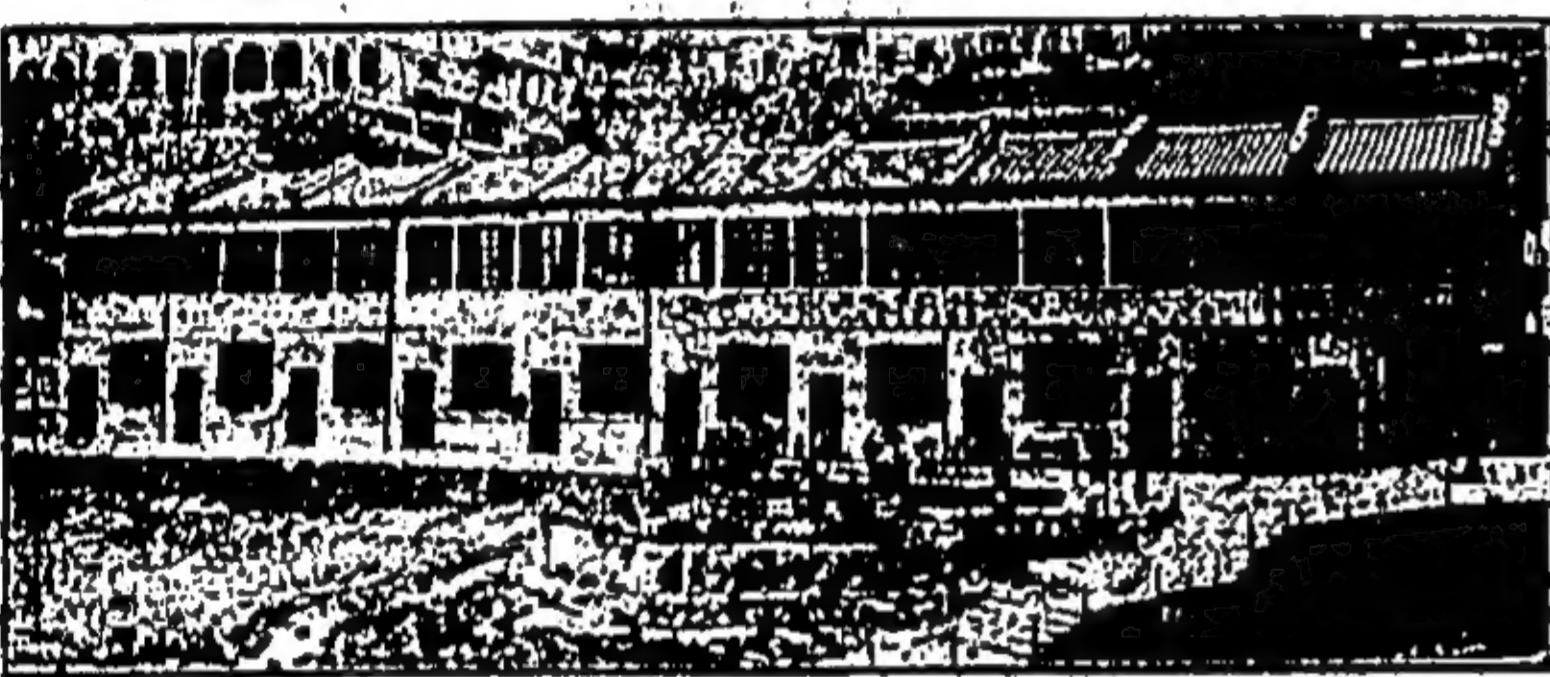
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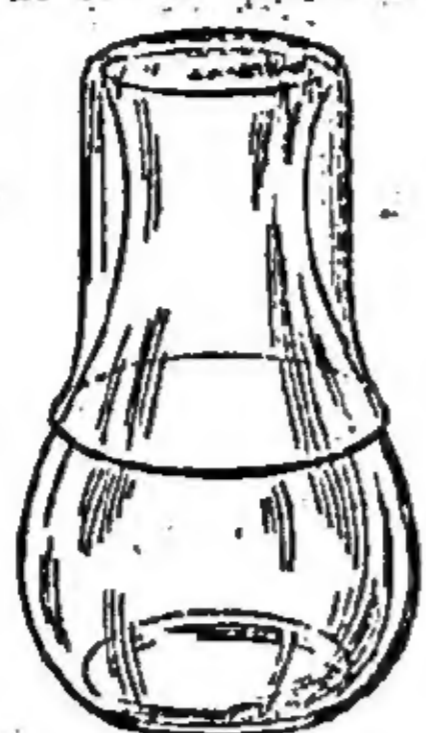
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CHINA'S BUDGET.

The vacillating state of the finances of China was aptly described by the Minister of Finance, Dr. T. V. Soong, recently, when he stated that a budgetary policy adequate to meet the needs of the time could be obtained through the adoption of a positive programme of systematic and co-ordinated expansion extending over several years. China, in common with every other country, has suffered severely from the world-wide depression, aggravated in her case because silver, the currency of the country, has fallen to unprecedented low levels, demoralising import trade at a time when the foreign demand for Chinese produce was at an ebb. It was only to be expected, therefore, that the deficit in the annual Budget of the National Government would be serious. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, the deficit amounted to \$80,000,000, not including \$20,000,000 borrowed from the Central Bank. In the last fiscal year the deficit amounted to \$101,000,000. During the six months ended December 31, 1930, as a result of the civil war, the deficit was even greater, and, according to preliminary figures, fresh indebtedness amounted to \$96,000,000. In the first half of 1931, the deficit by rights should be at a lower rate, even though the abolition of tithing before the new sources of revenue become fully effective weighs heavily on the Treasury. Given the absence of unforeseen events, it should be possible that by the united exertions of all parties, a budgetary equilibrium may be attained in the next year.

Expenditure in China in the past has been concentrated to a striking degree upon military purposes and debt repayments, and, if equilibrium is to be reached, the lightening of these two burdens seems unavoidable. The present amount of military expenditure paid out directly from the Central Treasury is \$23,000,000 a month, but owing to the existing Communist menace and the problems which attended the close of the severest civil war in Chinese history, it is felt by the Minister of Finance that military expenditures cannot safely be reduced overnight. But, with the gradual liquidation of these troubles the ground should be clear for enforcing reasonable economy. It is interesting to note in this connection that the Ministry has recommended that military expenditures be reduced so that the previously agreed figure of \$21,000,000 may be reached. Apart from military expenditures, the chief cause of the deficit in the Budget may be found in the heavy amortisation payments on the national debt. Most of the internal loans contracted by the National Government have been for short terms, and about \$360,000,000 or nearly 60 per cent. of the internal loans now being served will be paid off in the next three years. The Budget situation of China is not as gloomy as it appears superficially, because while fresh indebtedness is being incurred, the debt repayments are larger. By means of a plan whereby amortisation could be spread over a longer term of years, annual debt charges would be reduced materially during this difficult period, which would go far toward bringing about a budgetary equilibrium besides making available security for further long-term loans for constructive purposes. To holders of Chinese securities this plan should prove attractive because it would greatly strengthen the Government finances, which would in turn react favourably on the prices of all Chinese securities. It may be reasonably expected that a careful reduction of military expenditures, refunding of short-term indebtedness, and the continuation of the present revenue policies will automatically solve the problem of Budget deficits if internal conditions in China remain normal.

News in Brief.

One non-Chinese case of diphtheria was notified yesterday. The lowest open-air temperature yesterday was 68 degrees. The humidity was 79 at 10 a.m. and 78 at 4 p.m.

Falling a height of 14 feet from a ladder Cheung Hing (38), an employee of the Yan Hing Dairy, 14 Diamond Hill, was killed.

The Nursing division of St. John Ambulance Brigade will attend a street vaccination campaign for children only, commencing on Sunday, April 29.

It is notified by the Harbour Master that no examinations will be held for certificates of competency for masters, mates, and engineers during the week ending April 4.

A boy, Leung Lai-hing, aged four years, and living at 22, Li Po-leung Terrace, was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of eucalyptus oil poisoning.

A concert has been arranged to take place in King's College on May 2, in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade funds, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel.

Unlawful possession of 76 tael of raw opium at Mongkok on Wednesday, cost Chan Mui, an unemployed Chinese, \$2,280 in the Kowloon Police Court this morning, with the option of nine months' imprisonment.

In the Kowloon Police Court this morning, two Chinese youths, Leung Yee and Chung Hung were ordered to receive twelve strokes each for stealing several articles of clothing. It was stated that the accused waited until they saw the clothing put out to dry and then made off with them.

Following a post mortem examination, it was ascertained that Ng Ki, a four-year-old girl of 367, Lai-chikok Road, who was stated to have died as a result of injuries received in an assault by a seven-year-old boy, succumbed from bronchitis and not from the effect of any assault.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RADIUM AND CANCER.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir—I would be glad if you would make one correction in the report made in your issue of March 25 on the subject of Radium and Cancer treatment. It is there stated "1 grain or 15.432 grammes of radium required 500 tons of ore and 250 tons of chemicals were needed to treat it." It should be 1 gramme or 15.432 grains of radium required 500 tons of ore and 250 tons of chemicals to treat it.

Yours, etc.,

J. H. MONTGOMERY.

Hong Kong, March 26.

YING WA SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY.

There was a large attendance of parents and friends at the annual distribution of prizes at the Ying Wa Girls' School, in the Hop Yat Hall, yesterday. The Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling presided, and the prizes were given away by Mrs. G. P. de Martin. Mr. G. P. de Martin and Dr. Gibbon were amongst those present.

Miss D. Hutchinson, the headmistress, presented the annual report, which referred to the formal opening of the new school building by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Sir William Hornell, on September 9 last; and also to the departure of Miss Davies after 42 years' educational work in the Colony, thirty of them at the Ying Wa Girls' School.

Two candidates had been successful in the Matriculation Examination, they being the first two ever entered from the school. The school branch of the Y.W.C.A. continued to flourish, and the Sunday school classes and Old Girls' Society reported encouraging progress.

Miss Hutchinson concluded by returning thanks to members of the London Mission, the staff of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospital, the Hop Yat Church, the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling, and Mrs. de Martin.

A delightful concert by the students concluded the proceedings.

MINISTER DEAD.

Secretary to Ministry of Pensions.

Rugby, Yesterday. A by-election will be necessary by the death to-night of Mr. A. Bellamy, Labour Member for Aston-under-Lyne, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Pensions—British Wireless Service.

Mr. Albert Bellamy, C.B.E., has represented Aston under Lyne since 1928. He was born at Wigan, Lancashire, the son of an engine-driver and was educated at Manchester Board School. He was President of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants from 1914-18 and of the National Union of Railwaymen in 1917.

GOLD STANDARD FOR SPAIN.

\$38,000,000 Credit on Revolving Scale.

U.S. BANK LOAN.

New York, Yesterday. The famous banking corporation of J. P. Morgan have arranged for 18 months' revolving credit of \$38,000,000 for the Spanish Government to be devoted to regulating the Peseta during the period of the De Facto stabilisation contemplated by the Spanish Government, as a preliminary to the definite adoption of a gold standard.

It is learned that European credit equivalent to \$22,000,000, has also been arranged in this connection.—Reuters' American Service.

[A message of March 24 stated:—The prominent American banking Corporation, J. P. Morgan and Co., are negotiating with the Spanish Government for a credit of \$60,000,000 in which it is expected that British and French bankers will participate.

The negotiations are still in the formative stages.]

Stabilisation of Peso.

New York, Yesterday. Oil companies operating in Mexico are lending the Mexican Government \$10,000,000 for the purpose of stabilising the peso through purchases of silver pesos on the New York market.—Reuters' American Service.

LOST OVERBOARD.

COLLISION BETWEEN TOW BOAT AND JUNK.

TRAGEDY IN DARKNESS.

One life is reported to have been lost in the harbour early this morning as the result of a collision in the central fairway, between the Shakkai tow boat and a small junk. The mishap occurred at about 4 a.m. whilst the junk was anchored in the central fairway. This is against harbour regulations, but is explained by the fact that whilst proceeding through the harbour the junk's tiller broke and she was rendered incapable of proceeding. As there was a strong wind blowing, the master of the junk lowered anchor for safety whilst the damaged tiller was being repaired.

Badly Holed.

Whilst repairs were under way the tow boat appeared with two large junks fastened on either side. The night was very dark and the coxswain of the tow boat did not see the crippled junk until he was almost upon it. Then he altered his course but was unable to clear the obstacle and the junk tied to the tow boat's starboard side crashed into the smaller craft which was badly holed above the surface of the water.

According to the master of the small junk, the force of the impact caused one of his foki to fall over board and he was not seen again. Apparently unaware of the tragedy the tow boat, after ascertaining that the junk was in no danger of sinking, proceeded on its way.

"Save Life"

As soon as he discovered his foki missing, the junk master raised the alarm, but by this time the tow boat was some distance from his craft, and, probably due to the wind, did not hear the cries of "save life".

Handicapped by the darkness, and aided only by small sailing lights, the crew of the junk made a search of the water round about the craft but could find no trace of their foki, and eventually they had to reluctantly give him up as lost.

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CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

When Pun Sik-lung (41), a teacher in the Yau-mat Government School, and Cheung Chi-hoi, a student, made their second appearance before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court, on a charge of conspiracy to cheat the Government of \$8 in money, Det. Insp. Reynolds stated that he had been instructed to ask permission to withdraw against the defendants.

His Worship: On what grounds? Insp. Reynolds replied that reference of the case was first made to the D.C.I. who consulted the Crown Solicitor, and this led to the defendants' arrest. The evidence was quite strong but defendants put forward a story which was very difficult to disprove, although there were still many outstanding features in the case.

After referring to a file of the case, Mr. Schofield discharged both defendants.

KING'S PORTRAIT SLASHED.

Revolutionary Action of Students.

UNIVERSITY ON STRIKE.

Barcelona, Yesterday. The Police frequently charged students who were flying a red flag over the University and displaying posters with the inscription "Long Live the Republic" and "Death to the King."

Both the Police and the students used firearms but there were no injuries. The police are patrolling the streets with drawn batons.

The students barricaded themselves in the University and appeared at the windows wearing masks. They telephoned to the factories urging the workers to join them in a general strike. Banners were thrown out of the windows bearing republican inscriptions. A portrait of the king was slashed with ribbons and three communists within the University fired on the police till their ammunition was exhausted and then escaped with the students.—Reuters.

CLAIM FAILS.

ACTION BY SECRETARY OF SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

PLAINTIFF TO PAY COSTS.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Court of Consuls dismissed Mr. S. M. Edwards's claim with costs.—Reuters.

Mr. Edwards (suspended Secretary of the S.M.C.) sought \$5,000 damages, salary until termination of his contract in 1932, and transportation for himself and family to England.

An article which appeared in the Showdown, a Shanghai publication, written by Mr. Bruce Lockhart, was the inception of ill-feelings between Mr. Stirling Fessenden, director general of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and himself, according to Mr. Edwards's testimony.

Editorially, the Showdown, reproached Mr. Fessenden, in a March, 1929, issue, for accepting position as director general of the municipal council, commenting that he was better fitted for the position he then held as chairman of the council than for his new job.

Mr. M. Reader Harris, who represented the deposed secretary, stated to the Court that Mr. Fessenden had accused Mr. Edwards of spreading comment which influenced the Showdown article.

"There was a marked change in Mr. Fessenden's attitude after the article appeared," said Mr. Edwards, while on the witness stand. "He began challenging my actions, and was unpleasant in conferences with me."

The director general informed Mr. Edwards on October 11, 1930, that the Council had decided not to renew his (Mr. Edwards's) contract. Inefficiency was given as reason for such action.

Mr. Edwards alleged that he went to Shanghai with the verbal understanding that he was to be employed permanently, as long as his conduct was proper and work competent.

"Agents of the Municipal Council in London, where I lived at the time, told me that I could feel reasonably sure of permanent employment, although as a matter of formality the contract would be for a period of only three years."

"They told me that I could expect the contracts to be renewed at the end of each term. I inquired about that matter especially, due to the fact that I have a wife and five children to support. At the time I was also considering a proposal for organizing a national savings committee in the Irish Free State."

Mr. Edwards served 10 years as a barrister at law in London. He organised the national savings committee in Britain, while employed in the Treasury Department. Prior to going to Shanghai he was considering a proposal for organising such a committee in the Irish Free State.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of March 27, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4-5/.

The first annual athletic sports meeting of the South China Athletic Association was held at the Race Course yesterday, by the kind permission of the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. The heavy rain which came down about 10 a.m. made the course heavy for running but competitors having come down from Canton to take part in the meet, a postponement was most undesirable, and in spite of the unfavourable conditions, a start was made with the heats soon after 10 o'clock.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

NO USE FOR MECHANICAL PERFECTION.

"MADAM SATAN."

That "reserve power" in voices is far more important than pitch, timbre, or any other measure of quality, is the belief of Cecil B. De Mille, producer-director for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, whose spectacular new comedy with music "Madam Satan," is in the Queen's Theatre.

"All of this business about special lessons in voice for screen stars is bosh," De Mille stated in a recent interview. "It isn't whether a voice is mechanically perfect that counts; it is what that voice 'gets over' to the audience in the way of emotional feeling.

"A man or a girl can squeak, they can even lip, if they will only give me in their voices that emotional reserve power which existed, in pantomimic films, so very remarkably in the face of Gloria Swanson, Theodore Roberts, and others I might mention.

"In choosing Kay Johnson for the exotic name role of "Madam Satan," it so happened that Miss Johnson has an extraordinarily fine and technically perfect voice, and Reginald Denny, the male lead, has the same splendid baritone which earlier won him fame as "Prince Danilo" in "The Merry Widow." No one can quarrel with the way either one of them produces the numerous songs in the picture. But I didn't pick either one of them because they were rather unusually fine human talking and singing machines. They were chosen because above and be-



"Why did you only get one side shaved?"

"I wanted to know if you liked it first."—Lustige, Blatter, Berlin.

low what they actually sing and say are vibrations which tell more of their emotions than the words of the dialogue or songs.

"It is for these vibrations that producers are listening to-day, rather than mechanical perfection in reproducing."

"THE COHENS AND KELLYS IN AFRICA."

Bobbed hair still seems to be the popular style among American girls.

When Universal Studios cast its twenty-five girls for the harem scene in the Murray-Sidney feature-length comedy "The Cohens and Kellys in Africa," the current attraction in the Central Theatre, the make-up department was called on to supply the same number of wigs for all the dancers save seven, to give them the appearance of having long hair.

"It doesn't follow that all beautiful girls have bobbed hair," said the make-up artist, "but it does show the average American girl still prefers the abbreviated form of tresses.

"THE COHENS AND KELLYS IN SCOTLAND."

If he takes up golfing seriously, he had better go into the caddy, was the conclusion reached by George Sidney, after an experience he had during the filming of "The Cohens and Kellys in Scotland," fourth of Universal's hilarious series to be seen in the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

The script required Sidney to collect a lot of golf balls that didn't belong to him. While the scene was being shot on a famous Southern California course, the regular Club members continued to enjoy their sport.

At the end of the day, during which Sidney had given unquestionable evidence of his unfamiliarity with the game, he turned in his golf balls to an assistant director.

"How is this, Mr. Sidney?" queried that puzzled worthy. "I gave you only twelve balls this morning and you are returning twenty."

Looking at a number of golfers worriedly and fruitlessly searching the rough, the actor replied, "That's right, we were only taking a picture. You know, for a minute I thought we were playing for keeps."

"GOLD DIGGERS"

Ann Pennington, dancing star of many Broadway revues and musical comedies, makes her debut in Vitaphone talking pictures in

WHITE MAGIC.

CALCIUM CARBIDE AND FRUIT SALT IN AFRICA.

The following is a true story of events which took place in Kenya Colony.

The scene of action was a maize farm in the Solai Valley; there were 600 acres of maize which had to be harvested quickly as the rainy season was approaching.

A mixed gang of Kikuyu and Lumbwa natives were engaged on the harvest work and for the first week all went well. On the Monday of the second week the headman reported the complete cessation of work of all the Kikuyus. On further inquiries it transpired that two of the Lumbwa, having made unsuccessful love to two Kikuyu maidens, had proceeded to lay a curse on the girls, one of whom lay at death's door and the other felt very poorly. The Kikuyus refused to work until the curse was lifted.

Now as the Kikuyu formed the greater part of the gang, it was very important to get them back on the job quickly so it was up to the manager to get a snappy solution forthwith.

First he ascertained the names of the two cursers, then he stopped all work and had the whole gang up in front of his house in their tribal sections.

Having delivered a long harangue to the effect that his spirit was troubled by bad medicine in the affairs of the estate and that being a bit of a medicine man himself he brooked no rivals, he also stated that he felt the trouble lay in the Lumbwa section. He then caused all the Lumbwa (15 in all) to stand forward and gave each one a stone explaining that his magic would cause the stone of the guilty man to smoke and crack. This caused considerable mirth until it was seen that the stones of the two cursers were definitely smoking. Carbide of calcium looks very like the local form of stone but acts very differently with water.

There was a distinct edging away from the guilty pair. A further test was applied—each Lumbwa was given a pinch of salt which had to be dropped in a glass of water. White man's magic was to cause the water of the guilty man to boil. As each one dropped in his salt relief appeared on their faces until the guilty ones, carefully kept until last, caused the water to boil over the glass thanks to Eno's "Fruit Salt."

Terrific consternation was registered and the whole gang boiled except the two guilty men who dropped on their knees and confessed to the whole thing, offering to lay off the curse.

In two days the girls recovered but the great thing was that all the Kikuyu returned to work next day. Since then there has been no rival magic worked on the estate.

AIR SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

Dutch-Indian Agreement Brings It Nearer.

A Dutch aeroplane will be sent from the East Indies to Australia in May on a trial flight, but it is expected that that part of the eventual service to Australia will be taken over by the British.

It is announced that the Indian Government has agreed to grant facilities to the Dutch postal air service to the East Indies in exchange for Dutch facilities for a British service to Australia via the East Indies.

Meanwhile, the plans of the Royal Dutch Air Service to open a passenger service to the East Indies are rapidly progressing. A number of large aeroplanes which are nearing completion will be put into service in a few months. The company is arranging for hotel accommodation along the route. The single fare will be about £200.

Warner Bros. "Gold Diggers of Broadway," a 100 per cent. natural colour, singing, talking, dancing picture in technicolour, coming to the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday.

Her role, which is one demanding the utmost of her dramatic and tap-dancing talents, marks her return to the screen after more than three years on Broadway.

During the past three years she has been the star of George White's "Scandals" in the Apollo Theatre in New York. Before that she starred in several feature silent motion pictures.

In the all-star cast with Miss Pennington in "Gold Diggers of Broadway" are Lilyan Tashman, Conway Tearle, Albert Gran, Winnie Lightner, William Bakewell, Helen Foster, Julia Swayne Gordon, Gertrude Short, Nick Lucas, Neely Edwards, Lee Moran, and Armand Kala, and a beauty chorus of 100.

FEDERATION IN INDIA.

Grounds of Mutual Understanding.

PRINCES' ROLE.

The British people have yet to realise the full significance of the Socialist Government's policy, viz., that in the words of the Lord Chancellor, "the responsibility for the Federal Government of India will in future rest on Indians themselves." This eagerness to abdicate is justified by its supporters—including the Liberal leaders—as following inevitably from the sudden agreement of the Indian Princes and the Indian politicians, writes Sir Michael O'Dwyer (formerly Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab) in a Home paper.

Mr. Lloyd George, hitherto the stoutest opponent of Dominion status for India, covers his retreat by the explanation that "the declaration of the Princes of their intention to join in a Federal Constitution for India has revolutionised the whole state of affairs."

Authority Sapped. It is pertinent to inquire how this agreement, involving the almost immediate substitution of Indian for British rule, came about. It was in this way. The Indian Princes since the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms have been seriously disturbed by the fear that the so-called democratic institutions imposed by us on British India will in time lead to the sapping of their hereditary and autocratic authority in their States. Indeed the Congress leaders in the past have made no secret of their intention, once they have got rid of British authority, to wipe out these "feudal anachronisms." The Viceroy's ill-timed declaration of November, 1929, that Dominion status (i.e., democratic government) was the natural issue of India's constitutional development increased the Princes' anxiety.

At the same time, the more ambitious among them were disappointed that the Butler Report on their claims against the paramount British power conceded much less than they had asked for, and in particular had upheld the doctrine of British paramountcy, so emphatically reasserted in 1926 by the Viceroy (Lord Reading) in rejecting the Nizam's claim to deal with the Government of India as an equal. Therefore, when invited to participate in the Round Table Conference, some of the Princes approached the Viceroy with the inquiry whether its results might not seriously affect their status. The reply they received was not to their minds, re-assuring. Realising how in recent years the Government of India had invariably failed to stand up for its friends—and the Princes, as a body, have been our best friends—they had to reconsider their attitude.

Ground For Alliance.

Thus began the rapprochement of a section of the Princes with the Hindu Nationalists. It was facilitated by the fact that the Brahmin Ministers of some important States are allied by the ties of relationship or caste with the Brahmin leaders of the Nationalist movement in British India. It was also easy to find common ground for an alliance. The more ambitious Princes (predominantly Hindu) and the Hindu leaders, like the Whig aristocracy in Eighteenth Century Britain were equally desirous of

"Contracting regal (British) power to stretch their own."

Those Princes saw their future position stronger in an India with British authority and paramountcy disappearing; while the Hindu politicians believed that the support of the Princes would be invaluable to them in supplanting British authority by their own. The problem was how to combine those two objectives. The Simon Commission had put forward the idea of an All-India Federation as a distant goal, but with the promise of a strong central British Government.

The ambitious section of the Princes and the Hindu leaders decided to short-circuit the Simon Commission's qualified proposals by plunging for an immediate Federation. Further, to strengthen the claims of the Nationalists to control the Central Government, some of their allies among the Princes went so far as to make the extraordinary declaration that they could only federate with a self-governing British India.

Astute Move. For the Princes it was dangerous, but for the Nationalists it was a very astute move for it decided the Liberal delegates to throw all their weight in favour of, and the Conservatives to modify their opposition to, a scheme in which the British Crown and Parliament

have no real place. For under it British authority, even in the Central Government, would be whittled down to a mere shadow, a pale ghost sitting on the tomb of the once mighty and beneficent British Indian Empire!

Many of the Princes here have made no secret of their dislike of the whole proceeding. Some, indeed, spoke out in this effect in the Conference. Others, including the greatest States, while not enamoured of the federal idea, would not oppose one in which British India and the States would be equal partners, with the Crown and Parliament as the final authority in all federal matters, as proposed by the Simon Commission; but, then, Conservative sections were swamped by the more ambitious and vocal.

Similarly, the Moslem and other minorities look askance at the result of strengthening the existing Hindu majority by bringing in the States—predominantly Hindu—and they regard the Government as allies of the high-caste Hindus. But, whatever one may think of the result, one must admire the consummate state-craft of the Brahmin politicians who have achieved it. What of the British delegates? One now understands the exclusion of Sir John Simon from the Conference.

"A FRAUDULENT CLAIM."

Suit On Insurance Policy.

Judgment was delivered by Mr. Justice Culliffe in the Rangoon suit, Eng Lwan Hock v. the Assurance Franco-Asiatique by their agents Messrs. Marshall Cotterell and Co., Ltd., in which plaintiff claimed Rs. 20,000 on a premium of Rs. 400, owing to the destruction by fire at Kayan, of the property consisting of stock of timber insured in March last year with the defendants.

The judgment stated that a stock of timber was insured with the defendants. The terms of the policy showed it was stipulated that the timber was to be stored in an open space in Strand Bank Road, Kayan. That space had been identified as being close to the plaintiff's shop. The policy also contained the usual condition of notice to the company in the event of fire by a claim in writing within fifteen days of the loss. There was a further term, to which reference must be made. It laid down that any fraudulent or false declaration in the claim would disentitle the assured to any benefit under the policy.

It was strenuously argued that notice was not given to the company in time. On that point his lordship was in plaintiff's favour. For the purposes of this case and on the basis of the computation made by the timber dealer, U Aye Maung, his lordship looked on the plaintiff's claim as being for a loss of approximately Rs. 4,000.

The question then arose whether plaintiff in making a claim for Rs. 20,000 on a loss of under Rs. 4,000 in value, had not been guilty of fraud within the terms of the policy. "Exaggeration of value had, of course, often been held to amount to fraud. The principle seemed to be that the exaggeration must be intentional and it must be gross. Those were questions of fact. His lordship did not consider that the exaggeration here was an innocent exaggeration. He thought that it was wilful. For these reasons his lordship found in favour of the defendants on the plea of fraud. His lordship gave judgment for the defendants with costs, 15 gold mohurs.

UPROAR IN SENATE.

Lively Exchange Of Views On Birth-Control.

Both factions in the birth-control movement were heard by the Senate Committee in Washington recently when each side accused the other of misrepresentation, and much anger was displayed.

A bill providing for the distribution of birth-control information was opposed by witnesses, who feared that it would open the way to Soviet free-love propaganda and lead to the degradation of womanhood and gross immorality.

Mrs. Sanger, a veteran leader of the birth-control movement, declared that the bill had been fully misrepresented. She stated that almost as many Roman Catholics as Protestants came to her birth-control clinics, the proportion being 32 per cent. of Protestants, 32 per cent. of Catholics, and 31 per cent. of Jews. Uproar followed Mrs. Sanger's talk. The prospects are that the bill providing for the distribution of birth-control information and contraceptive devices by medical authorities will be raised.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions. To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-day—Whist Drive, Helena May Institute, Kowloon, 8.15 p.m. To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Madame Satan."

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Cohens & Kellys in Africa."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "His Captive Woman."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Swim," Girl, Swim."

To-day—World Theatre; "Black Magic."

Tuesday—King's Theatre; "Monte Carlo."

Sports.

See Sport Daily on Page 12.

Meetings.

Monday—Society of St. George, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

Monday—Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Building, noon.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Asama Maru).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Rawalpindi), 10.30 a.m.

Lammetts' Auctions.

Tuesday—At 31, Humphreys Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Saturday—At 4, Wing Lok Building (top floor), Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Land Sales.

Monday—At P.W.D. offices, five lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Annual Lenten Sermon at Catholic Cathedral, Glenealy, 6 p.m.

ABORIGINAL INTELLIGENCE.

North West Tribe Can Read And Understand Music.

Perth, Feb. 4.

In view of the widespread impression that Australian aboriginals are lacking in ordinary intelligence, statements by Father Otto Raible, chief of the Beagle Bay and Lombadina aboriginal missions in the north-west of West Australia, are interesting.

Father Raible said that members of the Njol tribe, for whom the Beagle Bay mission provided, were very musical and could memorize words of songs easily. On one occasion natives sang for two hours without cessation in English and aboriginal. Some of the natives were clever and ambitious.

One half caste aboriginal about 35 years old was a competent motor mechanic and could take an engine to pieces and reassemble it. He could also read and was always anxious to learn more about his trade. A full blooded aboriginal presided over a saddlery shop and another attended to blacksmithing requirements.

BOAT CAPSIZED.

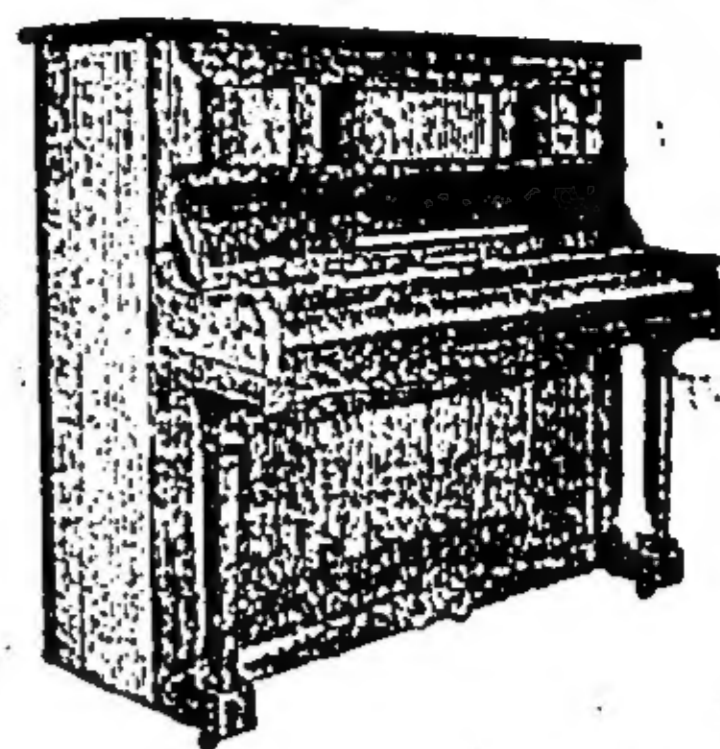
Captain, Engineer and Wireless Operator Drowned.

Captain D. V. Thomas, of the British steamer Lorca, the engineer of the ship, Mr. Hendry, and the wireless operator, Dr. Dawson, were drowned in the harbour at Almeria in mall week when a boat in which they were returning with two seamen from the shore capsized after colliding with the ship's cable.

One of the seamen was seriously injured, but the other escaped unhurt.

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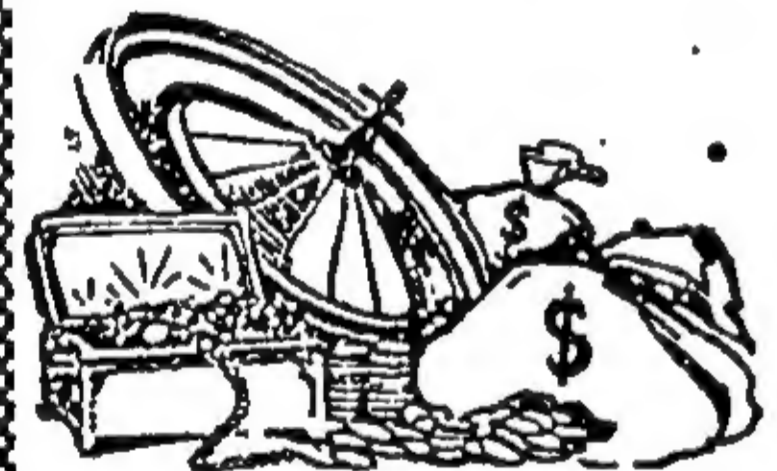
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Sport Columns

Who'll Win?

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE GAMES AT HOME.

(Exclusive to China Mail—By "Lineaman.")

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

INTERNATIONAL.

SCOTLAND v. England

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

ASTON VILLA v. Blackpool
Bolton v. CHESTER C.
CHILSEA v. Leeds U.
Grimsby v. Birmingham
HEDDERSFIELD v. Blackburn
LIVERPOOL v. Portsmouth
Manchester U. v. SHEFFIELD U.
Middlesbrough v. Arsenal
NEWCASTLE v. Sunderland
WEDNESDAY v. Leicester C.
WEST HAM v. Derby Co.

Division II.

BRADFORD v. Cardiff
Burnley v. Bradford C.
MILLWALL v. Burny
NOTTS F. v. Swansea
OLDHAM v. Plymouth
Preston v. Port Vale
READING v. Barnsley
SHAMPTON v. Charlton
Stoke C. v. Exeter
TOTTENHAM v. West Bromwich
WOLVES v. Bristol C.

Division III.—South.

BRENTFORD v. Clapton O.
BRIGHTON v. Bournemouth
Bristol H. v. Yeovil
CRYSTAL P. v. Tynes
EXETER v. Swindon
Gillingham v. Fulham
LUTON v. Queen's P.R.
Newport v. COVENTRY
Northampton v. Notts Co.
SOUTHEND v. Norwich
TORQUAY v. Watford

Division III.—North.

Accrington v. STOCKPORT
Barrow v. Halifax
CARLISLE v. Hartlepool
CHESTERFIELD v. Darlington
Crewe v. Doncaster
Rochdale v. GATESHEAD
ROTHERHAM v. Nelson
SOUTHPORT v. New Brighton
Tranmere v. Lincoln
WREXHAM v. Hull
YORK C. v. Wigan

TO-MORROW'S SNIPS.

Home.

Aston Villa.
Chelsea.
Widnesday.
Bradford.
Wolves.
Brentford.
Southend.
Torquay.
Carlisle.
Chesterfield.
Southport.
Away.
Manchester City.
Sheffield United.
Coventry.
Stockport.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.
HOCKEY—To-day—Cair Clark Cup—St. Andrew's Club v. Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club; Radio Sports Club v. H.K. & S. Brigade, Mirina Ground, 6 p.m.
To-morrow—Cair Clark Cup—Club de Recreo v. Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club.
CHESS—To-day—Entries close for Kowloon Chess Club's Junior Championship.
April 7—Open Chess Championship commences.
LAWN BOWLS—To-day—Lawn Bowls Association Annual Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
ATHLETICS—To-morrow—Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Sports, Soekunpo, 1.30 p.m.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Club v. Navy, Club Ground, 3 p.m.
April 4—Club v. Army, Soekunpo, 3 p.m.
FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Police R.C. v. Chinese Athletics; Royal Artillery v. Kowloon F.C.; Club v. Navy; Club de Recreo v. Borderers; St. Joseph's v. South China A.A.; Division II—Kowloon F.C. v. Chinese Athletics; Argyll v. Eastern; University v. Borderers; Division III—R.A.F. v. R.E.; R.A.O.C. v. South China A.A.

April 16—Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China.
CRICKET—To-morrow—Division I—Hong Kong C.C. v. Craigengower C.C. (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. University (L.); Division II—Craigengower C.C. v. Royal Engineers (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. University (F.).
FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.
GOLF—Thursday—Entries close for Shanghai Visitors' Cup, Fanling.
April 5—Shanghai Visitors' Cup, Fanling; Open Fouromes, Kowloon.
RACING—April 4 and 6—Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.
April 18—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

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GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notify the following starting times for Fanling for Sunday:—
9.08 a.m. C. B. Riggs, G. B. S. Thomson.
9.16 " Not to be booked by those arriving by train.
9.20 " Capt. Weir, Comdr. Priestley.
9.24 " R. J. Edwards-Jones, S. J. H. Fox.
9.28 " P. S. Grant, J. B. Lanyon.
9.36 " S. T. Butler, A. C. Ellis.
9.40 " C. B. Brown, F. Lohel.
9.44 " A. J. R. Wolfe, R. C. Law.
9.48 " T. Lindars, G. T. May.
9.52 " J. Whyte, W. Paterson.
9.56 " W. S. Hillier, H. Hampton.
10.00 " W. C. Shields, J. Stuart.
10.04 " G. H. Wilson, C. Castle.
10.08 " A. Leach, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.12 " B. D. Evans, W. H. B. Riggs.
10.16 " G. W. Reeve, C. Mycock.
10.20 " O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.
10.24 " R. K. Hepburn, A. C. I. Bowker.
10.28 " R. M. Wood, J. E. Richardson.
10.32 " C. W. Jeffries, T. S. Whyte-Smith.
10.36 " E. H. Williams, G. A. Leiper.
10.40 " F. Sykes, L. Yates.
10.44 " A. O. Brown, W. S. Dykes.
10.48 " G. T. Thach, K. K. Rounds.
10.52 " G. A. C. Plummer, T. A. Martin.
10.56 " S. A. Sleep, W. N. Buyers.
11.00 " F. L. Hensie, W. A. Cornhill.
11.04 " J. P. Sherry, C. P. Ross.
11.08 " V. R. Gordon, A. H. Penn.
11.12 " Q. A. A. MacLachlan, G. Thomerson.
11.16 " R. M. Sheo, W. C. Clark.
11.20 " W. R. Vallance, H. S. V. Mossop.
11.24 " D. F. C. Cleland, I. H. C. Hight.
11.28 " G. H. M. Andrew, M. N. Cochrane.
11.32 " A. H. Ferguson, A. B. Walker.
11.36 " A. Ritchie, R. Young.
11.40 " C. M. Ges, L. H. Rodin.
11.44 " E. Stone, J. Coulthart.
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12.00 " G. S. Dodwell, J. M. Walker.
12.04 " A. R. Cox, G. G. S. Thompson.
12.08 " E. des Vocux, L. R. Andrews.
12.12 " P. S. Cassidy, G. W. Garrett.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. SECOND ELEVEN IN DRAWN GAME.

At King's Park yesterday the Y.M.C.A. second eleven played a drawn game with the University second eleven, both sides scoring seven goals. It was a very fast though scrappy game and heavy scoring was indicated when at half time the University led by 5 goals to 3.

In the second half the "Y" played with more understanding and soon wiped off the deficit. The visitors, however, went further ahead as the result of two quick goals, but before the final whistle Ashton and Brown again placed the "Y" on level terms.

W. J. Brown (two), Dr. Ashton (three), H. Muller and W. H. Smith scored goals for the Y.M.C.A.

Result:—
Y.M.C.A. 7
University 7

To-day's Game at King's Park.
The following have been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A. against a team from the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club at 5.15 p.m. to-day on King's Park:—
A. Burson; S. Sweet, L. Tippet; E. Armstrong, R. A. Bates, D. Kirby; G. Burnett, W. H. Smith, F. Parker, H. Muller, and W. J. Brown.

SATURDAY'S GAME.

Y.M.C.A. II. v. K.B.S.F.A.—At King's Park.
Y.M.C.A. II.—F. Allen; A. Tate, L. Tippet; L. Macey, J. M. Purvis, R. A. Bates; W. H. Smith, Ashton, F. Parker, A. R. Brown, and W. J. Brown.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

INTERPORT FIFTEEN FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club in the Triangular Tournament match against the Navy at Happy Valley at 3 p.m. to-morrow:—
J. P. Whitham; G. R. More, R. H. Griffiths, G. A. L. Plummer, G. P. Lammert; M. W. Turner, J. W. King; W. E. Peers, J. H. McElney, E. F. Buttress, F. R. Burch, W. F. Leckie, B. P. Massey, D. L. Dillie-Day, and E. B. Gampel.

LAWN TENNIS.

Rain interfered with the programme at the H.K.C.C. yesterday, two matches being abandoned. C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. E. Cassumbhoy beat J. W. Leonard and G. Lal 6-2, 6-3. The match between Paul Kong and W. T. Lee and H. Lo and Lu Tak-cheuk was left unfinished with the score at one set all. The Fletcher brothers were leading Ng Kam-chuen and Tsui Ping-fan 6-3, 3-4, when further play was impossible.

REVIVAL IN ARMY FOOTBALL.

Present Season Better Than Last.

THIS YEAR'S TRIUMPH.

The British Army's football record in recent seasons fades almost out of view before past glories, writes Norman Ackland in the Morning Post. Last year they were beaten by the French Army and the Belgian Army, as well as losing to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and the Royal Air Force in the Inter-Services Tournament. This was their worst season. But since 1925 all has not been well; indeed, in spite of having a much larger field to draw upon they have been barely able to hold their own against the other Services. In the past five seasons they have only once won the Inter-Services Tournament, whereas before 1925 they had won nine games to the Navy's one, and five matches were drawn.

Triumphs of Yore.

It is the same with battalion sides. In the old days the Army were always bringing themselves into the limelight in the F.A. and the F.A. Amateur Cup competitions. Between 1871 and 1878 the Royal Engineers figured in the English Cup final on five occasions, winning the trophy in 1875. They also gave a big contribution to the international elevens. When England met Scotland at the Oval on March 8, 1873, four members of the Royal Engineers took part, two on each side, while another Army man (from the Household Brigade) also played for England in this match. Altogether nine Army players have been recipients of full caps for England; but all except K. E. Hegan won their honours before the days of professionalism. Hegan's cap was won in 1924, and the one before him was won by H. H. Barnett, forty-two years previously against Ireland.

Army teams won the Amateur Cup twice, the Depot Battalion, R.E., securing the trophy and the R.M.L.I. (in those days the Marines belonged to the Army F.A.) won it two years later. And there is a big list of Army men who have played for England's amateur eleven in modern times, such as Corporal Carlidge (1927), Lance-Corporal Duffern (1909), Lieutenant H. A. Hambleton (1922), Corporal Leese (1910), Private Little (1913), Lance-Corporal Macey (1924), Lieutenant H. W. Nicholas (1920), Corporal Osborne (1922), and last but not least, the famous Corinthian, Lieutenant K. E. Hegan, on several occasions.

Useful Experiment.

With such a glorious record it rather alarmed the Army people to find their team losing match after match last year. Consequently, the General Committee of the Army F.A. put their heads together, and at the beginning of this season it was announced that an Army Wanderers eleven had been formed, in which team potential members of Army representative sides would have an opportunity of trying their strength against good class amateur clubs. So most of the men playing in the triangular tournament have had valuable experience in club games against such sides as Oxford City, Cambridge Town, Wycombe Wanderers, Wendstone, London University, Eastbourne, and Ipswich Town. Besides, the excellent performance put up by an Army representative side against a strong Football Association team at Shorncliffe last November boded well for a very successful season.

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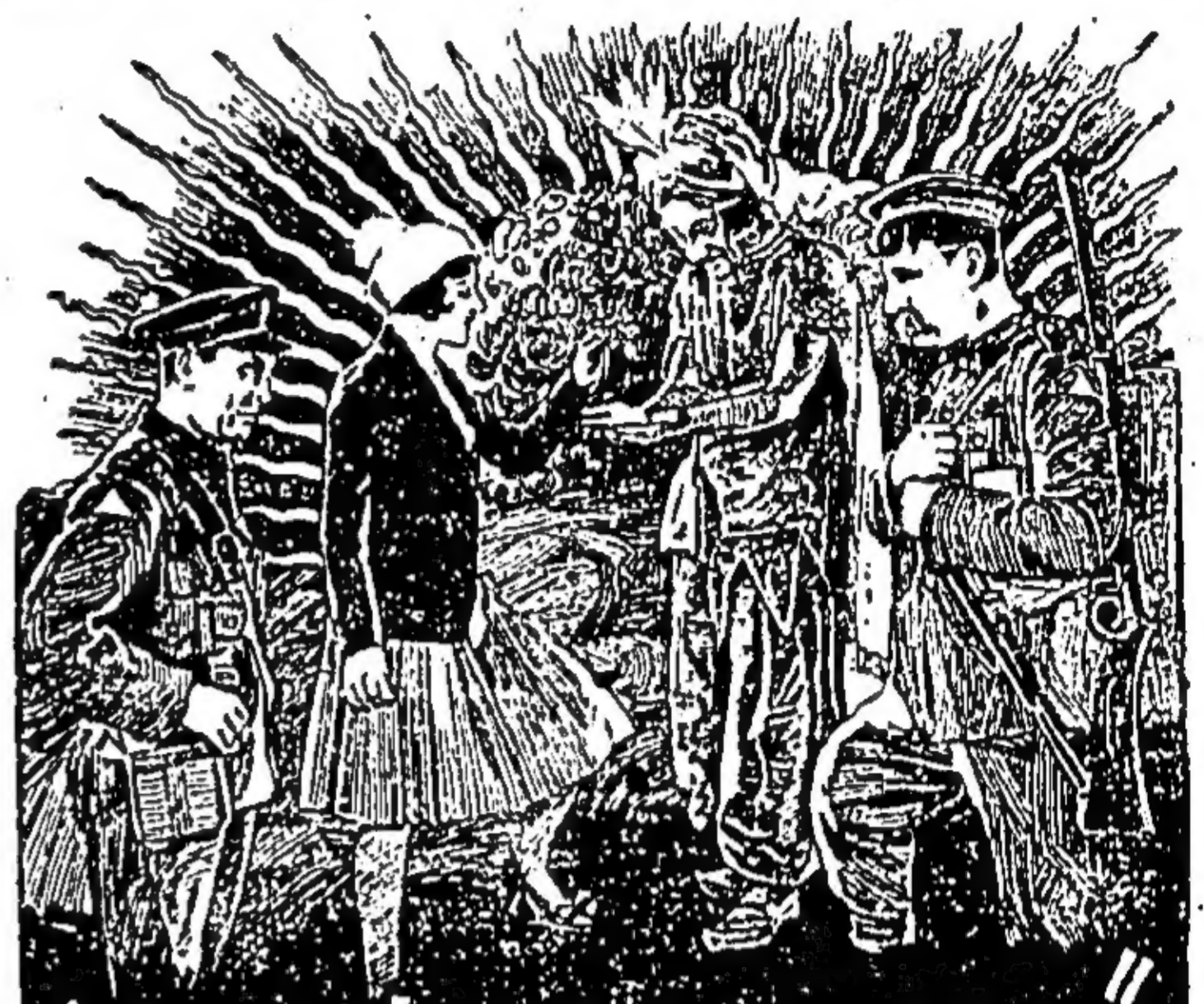


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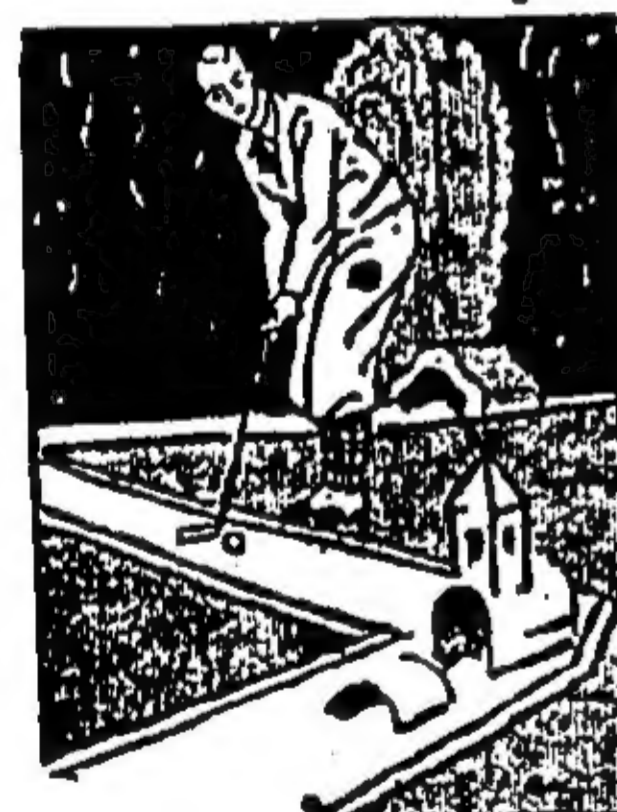
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5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-
gramme of Victor Records.
7-7.35 p.m.—Instrumental.

Orchestra—
a. Volga Volga.
b. Russian Gipsy Dance.
c. Conchman Don't Forge the
Horses.
d. The Merchant.
Gipsy Orchestra (V34).

Accordions—
Rhapsody in Blue—Excerpts,
Fomenko Brothers (V5).
Violin, Flute & Harp,
O Sole Mio,
Addio a Napoli,
Venetian Trio (20248).

Saxophone Solo—
Serenade Badine,
Rudy Wiedoeft (20856).
Piano & Accordion—
Sharpshooters March,
Mario Perry (20250).
Violin, Cello & Harp—
Humoresque,
Venetian Trio (20130).

Piano & Accordion—
Italian Spanish Favourites,
Mario Perry (20249).

7.35-8.03 p.m.—Humorous Num-
bers.
Chorus—
Strike Up the Band,
Singing a Vagabond Song,
The Revellers (22410).

Vocal Duet—
I Ate the Boloney,
Billy Murray—Monroe Silver
(20095).

Song—
My Horses Ain't Hungry,
Kelly Harrell (20103).

Vocal Duet—
Happy Go Lucky Days,
The Duncan Sisters (19987).

Male Quartet—
The Sidewalks of New York,
Shannon Quartet (20128).

Song—
To whom It May Concern,
Johnny Marvin (22604).

8.03-9 p.m.—Orchestral & Band
Selections.
Serenade (Strauss),
De Groot and the Piccadilly
Orchestra (V9).

Finlay's Cave (Hebrides)—Overture,
St. Louis Symphony Orchestra
Conducted by Rudolph
Ganz (9013).

A Medley of Waltzes (German),
Menuetto in B Minor—
Marche Militaire (Schubert),
Victor Salon Orchestra
directed by Shilkret
(9308).

The Fairies of the Fair,
Sousa's Band (20132).
Vienna Waltzes (Schubert),
Rosamunde Ballet Music (Schubert),
Victor Salon Orchestra
directed by Shilkret
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Moments Musicaux (Schubert),
Victor Salon Orchestra
directed by Shilkret
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The Gridiron Club March,
The Pride of Wolverhampton,
Sousa's Band (20276).

Don Juan Overture (Mozart),
Concert Orchestra (V29).
Salut D'Amour (Elgar),
Victor Concert Orchestra
directed by Shilkret
(22595).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.
9.05-9.50 p.m.—Concert Items.
Piano Solo—
Suggestion Diabolique (Prokofeff),
Fairy Tale (Medtner),
Benno Moisevitich (1449).

Song—
Love—Tide of Spring
(Beth-Glazounow-Forgo),
Lucyella Bori, Soprano
(6099).

Violin Solo—
Cavatina (Raff),
Souvenir De Moscow (Wienlawski),
Mitscha Elman (6093).

Song—
Serenade (Schubert),
John McCormack & Victor
Salon Group directed by
Shilkret (6927).

Violin Solo—
Scherzo—Tarantelle (Wienlawski),
La Ronda Des Lutins (Bazzini),
Jascha Heifetz (6159).

Piano Solo—
Album Leaf (Greig),
Capriccio (Brahms),
Harold Bauer (1413).

9.50-10.17 p.m.—Operatic.
Lakme—Bell Song (Delibes),
Lily Pons, Soprano (1502).

Don Carlos (Verdi) (I Shall Sleep
Only in My Royal Mantle),
Ezio Pinza, Bass (6709).

Trovatore—Ave Chorus (Verdi),
Tannhauser—Pilgrim's Chorus
(Wagner),
Victor Mixed Chorus (20127).

Lohengrin—Elsa's Dream (Wagner),
Maria Jeritska, Soprano
(6094).

Andrea Chenier—At Some Soft Day
in May (Giordano),
Giovanni Martinelli, Tenor
(6707).

10.17-10.30 p.m.—
Yours is my Heart Alone,
Jack Hylton & His Orchestra
(89031).

With a Song in my Heart,
Eddy & Soul,
Jack Hylton & His Orchestra
(89027).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.
N.B.—At 9.30 p.m. (approx.)
this Programme will be interrupted
for the Relay of the Governor's
Speech, etc., at the Engineers &
Shipbuilders' Annual Dinner.

CLERGYMEN TALK ON GHOSTS.

Decision to Investigate Spiritualism.

LIVELY SCENES.

Scores of clergymen and Free
Church ministers were turned away
from a meeting of clergy held in
All Souls' Church Room, Langham
Place, London, to discuss the at-
titude of the Churches to spiritua-
lism.

Invitations had been sent to only
100 London clergy, but the news of
the meeting leaked out and
ministers travelled to London from
various parts of Britain to attend
the meeting.

Among those inside the hall were
the Rev. Canon Adderley, Father
Clarence May, Father Child (chair-
man of the Anglo-Catholic move-
ment), and the Rev. Desmond
Morse-Boycott.

Supporters and opponents of
spiritualism stood about the ap-
proaches to the room, handing out
pamphlets and buttonholing minis-
ters on their way to the meeting,
which had been called by the Rev.
Arthur Buxton.

"Is spiritualism of God or the
Devil?" they were asked. "I opened
the door of the room and smelled
sulphur," one woman declared. "It
is the ante-room of the Bottomless
Pit. The Evil One is there."

The discussion took place behind
closed doors. The Rev. Arthur
Buxton presided, and following his
opening address the Rev. C. Dray-
ton Thomas stressed the reality of
the evidence of psychic experiences
and their great importance to the
Church.

A paper was read on behalf of the
Rev. G. Vale Owen, who was ill and
unable to attend.

Church's "Blind Eye."
The Church, Mr. Owen wrote, has
turned a blind eye and a deaf ear
to spiritualist teachings because
they are new—in other words, un-
orthodox.

"It is a fact that spiritualism is
here," he went on, "and it is the
most progressive fact in the world
of religious thought, and it has to
be reckoned with."

"People demand the facts. What
is called the future life is a fact,
and if it is so it should be capable
of demonstration."

"The Church," the statement con-
tinued, "is the proper body to con-
duct such an investigation."

"If any of you here feel it your
duty to investigate, you must count
the cost."

"A few of these consequences are
that it is a ten-to-one chance that
you will be convinced of the truth
of spiritualism, and if you are con-

vinced of its truth, you will have
to preach it.

"If you preach it you may be
ostracised by a great part of the
clergy and by a smaller part of the
laity and regarded as eccentric and
deluded men. You will not then
hold the same place in the hearts
of the people that you did before."

The vicar, in his address, said
the Church could neither ignore nor
denounce spiritualism indis-
criminately. The question was, was
it telepathy, or evil spirits imper-
sonating the departed?

The Rev. Drayton-Thomas, a
Free Churchman, told a remarkable
story of how an aunt had promised
him his grandfather's copy of
Byron.

Trance Message.
A trance medium, who knew no-
thing about this, transmitted a
message from the grandfather to
the effect that, when he came into
possession of the book, he would
very likely find it close to a copy of
Tennyson. The Tennyson would
have a loose page.

Later, when he found the Byron
it was next to a Tennyson with a
loose page.

The meeting was then thrown
open to discussion and various
spiritualists gave testimonies,
quoting long and strange stories
that made the blood creep.

Then came the first Anglo-
Catholic interruption. The Rev.
Desmond Morse-Boycott condemned
spiritualism as a blind alley, lead-
ing souls to danger and in some
cases ruin.

He spoke of the vast knowledge
of the Catholic Church, which had
already condemned spiritualism,
and which knew all that was to be
known about communication with
the other world, by invocation of
the saints and, in the Orthodox
branches, the custom of speaking
with any dead person in prayer.

Before the meeting ended ar-
rangements were made for the
formation of a committee to ar-
range further gatherings, and a
meeting was arranged to take place
to which "clergymen and their
ladies" will be admitted.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

HORIZONTAL

- 1-Lethargy
- 2-Fabulous bird
- 3-Treat trunk
- 4-A kind of alcohol
- 5-An age
- 6-Tried
- 7-Island group of British West Indies
- 8-A fragment
- 9-A number
- 10-Two-fold
- 11-To relate in detail
- 12-Particular to an hour
- 13-Upon
- 14-Mary's name (short)
- 15-To perform
- 16-Musical note
- 17-A proposition of command
- 18-Bore
- 19-Aid
- 20-Quickly suitable in time or place

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 21-Brings into line
- 22-To ease unloosed
- 23-Dollary
- 24-Sea eagle
- 25-One of the continents
- 26-To encounter
- 27-To bend in the middle
- 28-Large plantigrade carnivore

VERTICAL

- 1-A Roman patriot
- 2-A Hebrew measure
- 3-A believer in mysticism
- 4-High voice in singing
- 5-To conduct, as in a band
- 6-Occupation
- 7-A conspiracy
- 8-Exclamation of contempt

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 9-Public speaker
- 10-Calcined limestone
- 11-Ardor
- 12-Musical composition for two players
- 13-Close to
- 14-Fish eggs
- 15-To bring to a close
- 16-A cape, southern extremity of S. America
- 17-Have existence
- 18-Conducted
- 19-A pet of favorite
- 20-A familiar antiseptic
- 21-Professing
- 22-To levy or exact, as a tax
- 23-Foundations
- 24-A soothing application
- 25-A medicinal plant
- 26-Melody
- 27-To reach
- 28-To help suddenly
- 29-Agitation, as in a crowd

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TALKIE TALKS
by
Diane

Watch for the opening on Tuesday. Make it one premiere to be remembered in this Colony. Our newest Talkie Theatre, the King's. Give the newest acquisition a big hand. A Paramount picture with stars we love, Jeanette MacDonald and Jack Buchanan (Glasgow's own) in a polished musical, "Monte Carlo," directed by the man who gave us "The Love Parade." I need not praise Ernest Lubitsch needs no Press Agent stuff, because he has come near perfection in screen musicals. One thing is most noticeable in his direction, songs advance the opera; they do not hold it up. He keeps the story moving whether it be in song or word.

I told you that the story concerns the love affairs of a Count who masquerades as his beloved's hairdresser. Mark you, it is for the adult, but all the children will go just the same; they will not appreciate the subtlety of Lubitsch. There are only two people who count; both acquit themselves with first honours. Jeanette is particularly lovely voice, and her part allows her her best acting to date. Jack Buchanan is fifty per cent. better than he was in "Paris," and he was dashed good in that. Zazu Pitts, Claud Allister, Lionel Belmore, John Roche and Albert Conti make this film run smoothly. Beautiful scenery, gowns, women, catchy songs, a most sumptuous theatre—we ask nothing more. Our best congratulations to those who have helped to make it the beautiful thing it is, and the sincere good wishes of all the "dyed-in-the-wool" fans to the new management.—(King's).

"Gold Diggers of Broadway." Having seen this more than once in the States, I cannot but ask is it the same play I remember liking so much when I had the pleasure of seeing Ina Claire in the original part. Now I can only advise you to go and see the gold-digger, Winnie Lightner. Admittedly she contributes a lot of noisy comedy, but she has the personality that can only be summoned up as "stealing the show." There are others; their names do not matter. Conway Tearle, frowning as usual. Nick Lucas sings, and sings. There is colour, but too much of it (if I am not mistaken this was amongst the first); rooms that are over-stocked with gaudy furniture; orgies where we see chorus girls (as we are told in song and story) who dance on tables and drink out of slippers. Anne Pennington, the perfectly beautiful little dancer, doing a tiny bit. Songs which will haunt you especially "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine" and "This Life's a Play from the start; its hard to play through a part when there's an ache in your heart all day"—pretty words, pretty music. Go to the Queen's and hear that audience laugh. If you go by me, you would only see a "Lady of Scandal" or a "Let Us be Gay," and those sort of subjects do not make the most popular appeal. Warners have changed the play pretty completely into a musical, jazzy, lively show. I have seen Winnie Lightner on the stage, and she has conquered vaudeville and revue, and now, since her success in this film, she goes from one picture to another. Lives in Beverly Hills with her husband and son. She is perfectly natural, (what an acquisition in a time when are all posing or studying camera angles.) She is rowdy and a little rough, has a marvellous voice, a most infectious grin—one could not be polite enough to call it a smile. Believe it or not, Winnie will make you like "Gold Diggers" even if you think, as I do, that it is a good play spoiled.—(Queen's).

If you liked the previous experience of the Cohens and Kellys, you will most certainly like them in Africa. Charlie Murray, George Sidney, Vera Gordon and Kate Price are at their best. Screamingly funny when they find themselves in a Harlem. For this type of play, recommended.—(Central).

"Cohens and Kellys in Scotland." The same happy nonsense about two business rivals. This time they are buying up plaids to clothe a few million people who will all want to wear it when the Prince of Morania, who sets the fashion of the world, appears wearing them. Golfers will laugh watching George Sidney and Charlie Murray attempting to play Scotland's grand old game. Kate Price and Vera Gordon, when they take too freely of "a new kind of soda water," are quite amusing. There isn't much of a plot. The story hangs together by a series of gags, but if you are keen about the adventures of this pair in all parts of the world, go to the Queen's.

"Madam Satan" dazzled, dazed, amused, and bored the different patrons of the Queen's. It was SO de Millish. If the truth be told the settings were absurdly fantastic. Every one in the cast except Roland Young seemed buried under the de Millie trappings. Judged by this effort the master director is losing his cunning. Angela's vow that she will make her husband so sick of vice that he will cry for decency, and then strives by every known feminine wile to make him lose his head and heart) caused me to smile. It hit a pretty preposterous note.

Roland Young was born in London. He adores reading, loathes interviewers, loves animals. Son of an architect, went on the stage because he was no good at work, so he says. Has a mad hobby for collecting penquins. Has them all over his Beverly home, in all shapes and materials. Kay Johnson, wife of famous director, John Cromwell, also of the stage. Daughter of very famous architect, the man who designed the Woolworth Building. She possesses a charming speaking voice, beautiful figure, and when given a chance with proper plays, is a distinguished actress. Reginald Denny, doing excellently in farce, more suited to it. Now in his late thirties; served through the War in the Flying Corps; married twice. A big hit in the Movies, but even bigger in the Talkies.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

In letters from Hollywood, I hear there is a great deal of, distress. Perhaps it accounts for the fact that at the opening of Charlie



Charlie Chaplin.

Chaplin's "City Lights" in the new Los Angeles Theatre, the crowd was in an angry, almost revolutionary mood. The spoiled darlings in their gorgeous gowns and "ermine" wraps, who drove in their Rolls Royces, had to park their cars and walk a long distance fighting their way through a dense mass of people. Windows were smashed, pockets picked, the crowd would not stand back in spite of the doubled efforts of an enormous force of Police. A terrible down-pour of rain did not mend matters. Chaplin arrived with the famous Einsteins. Seats sold at \$10 in the top gallery.

Critics are unanimous in their verdict that it is the best thing Chaplin has ever done. I, personally, do not doubt that more pictures like this will be made, for the big reason that the Talkies are costing so much more than the silent ones. Some prophets even go so far as to declare that in twenty years from now dialogue may disappear, but Sound Never. Chaplin argues for musical accompaniment, pantomime, and sound effects. Speech is not missed in this picture, BUT there is this to be considered, there is only ONE Chaplin. Only one genius who could write, direct, and act like this man, who stands alone. Take the average picture like "Divorcees." As a Talkie, it cost around \$400,000 to produce, and its takings are approximately a million and a half. As a Movie, it would have run into, at most \$225,000, and yielded ten times that amount. In Marlene Dietrich's first American Talkie, "Morocco," von Sternberg, the Dictator, has run real after real

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APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

March 24, June, June, 1931. 1918. 1914.

Butcher Meat.	1931.	1918.	1914.	
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	
Beef Sirloin	牛 尾 肥	lb. 33 24 12		
" Prime Cut	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 30 23 11		
" Corned	咸 牛 肉	lb. 21 18 12		
" Roast	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 33 24 12		
" Breast	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 30 20 18		
" Soup	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 27 20 18		
" Steak	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 33 24 12		
" Steak Sirloin	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 48 30 35		
" Sausages	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 38 26 20		
Bufock's Brains	牛 尾 瘦	per set 17 10 12		
" Tongue, fresh	牛 尾 瘦	each 75 50 60		
" Tongue, corned	牛 尾 瘦	each 60 — —		
" Head	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 1.20 — 1.20		
" Heart	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 24 18 14		
" Hump, Salt	牛 尾 瘦	each 12 10 12		
" Feet	牛 尾 瘦	each 12 10 12		
" Kidneys	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 15 10 12		
" Tail	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 27 20 22		
" Liver	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 24 18 14		
" Tripe	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 8 6 7		
Calves' Head & Feet	牛 尾 瘦	set \$1.50 \$1.00 \$1.00		
Mutton Chop	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 40 28 —		
" Leg	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 40 26 —		
" Shoulder	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 36 24 —		
" Saddle	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 40 — —		
Pig's Chittlings	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 30 27 —		
" Brains	牛 尾 瘦	Per set 3 — —		
" Feet	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 16 15 —		
" Fry	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 23 15 18		
" Head	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 18 20 —		
" Heart	牛 尾 瘦	each 15 10 10		
" Kidneys	牛 尾 瘦	each 15 10 8		
" Liver	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 48 30 24		
Pork Chop	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 36 25 23		
" Leg	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 38 — —		
" Fat or Lard	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 44 30 70		
" Loin	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 26 21 —		
Sheep's Head & Feet	牛 尾 瘦	per set 60 60 70		
" Heart	牛 尾 瘦	each 12 8 7		
" Kidneys	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 15 12 10		
" Liver	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 45 26 25		
Sucking Pigs, to order	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 25 25 22		
Beef	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 30 50 18		
" Mutton	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 36 26 20		
Veal	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 22 20 20		
" Sausages	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 28 — —		
No. 1	牛 尾 瘦	lb. 32 — —		

Fish.

	1931.	1918.	1914.	
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	
Barbel	魚 尾 肥	lb. 45 16 24		
Bream	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 23 20 16		
Canton Fresh Water	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 25 — —		
Carp	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 27 13 16		
Catfish	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 25 16 27		
Codfish	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 25 12 9		
Crabs	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 35 16 17		
Cuttle Fish	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 20 23 28		
Dab	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 26 16 27		
Dace	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 35 23 16		
Dog Fish	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 16 10 —		
Sole, Conger	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 27 10 8		
" Fresh Water	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 23 16 —		
" Yellow	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 32 10 8		
Frogs	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 68 26 30		
Garoupa	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 64 32 25		
Gudgeon	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 20 40 30		
Herring	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 23 22 18		
Halibut	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 28 13 23		
Labrus	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 30 18 15		
Loach	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 62 32 13		
Lobsters	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 48 62 24		
Mackerel	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 27 32 21		
Monk Fish	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 30 20 20		
Mullet	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 30 18 2		
Oysters	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 33 12 2		
Perot Fish	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 21 14 9		
Perch	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 21 30 15		
Pike	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 32 16 9		
Plaice	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 35 36 29		
Pomfret, White	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 48 36 30		
Pomfret, Black	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 37 36 45		
Prawns	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 64 10 14		
Ray	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 16 10 18		
Rock Fish	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 20 13 14		
Roach	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 28 22 10		
Salmon	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 48 86 30		
Shark	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 16 8 10		
Skate	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 16 10 10		
Shrimps	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 44 32 80		
Snapper	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 40 28 23		
Soles	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 33 22 28		
Tench	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 28 26 35		
Turbot	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 27 12 12		
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚 尾 瘦	lb. 1.20 40 —		

Poultry.

	1931.	1918.	1914.	
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	
Chicken	雞 尾 肥	lb. 60 30 31		
Capon, Small	雞 尾 瘦	lb. 52 28 30		
Capon, Large	雞 尾 瘦	lb. 60 28 30		
Duck	鴨 尾 肥	lb. 46 22 21		
Doves	鴿 尾 肥	each 45 22 21		
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞 尾 瘦	each doz 36 13 —		
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞 尾 瘦	each doz 38 25 20		
Fowls, Canton	雞 尾 瘦	lb. 72 36 24		
Fowls, Hainan	雞 尾 瘦	lb. 52 36 24		
Geese	鴨 尾 肥	lb. 46 24 24		
Pigeons, Canton	鴿 尾 肥	each 45 20 —		
" Hothow	鴿 尾 肥	each 40 28 —		
Turkeys, Cock	雞 尾 瘦	lb. 75 — —		
Turkeys, Hen	雞 尾 瘦	lb. 60 31 45		
Snipe	鴨 尾 肥	each 40 — —		
Pheasant	鴨 尾 肥	pair 3.50 — —		
Quail	鴨 尾 肥	each 45 — —		
Partridges	鴨 尾 肥	lb. 1.50 — —		

Fruits.

	1931.	1918.	1914.	
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	
Almonds	杏仁	lb. 85 35 —		
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	lb. 32 26 —		
Bananas (bride's)	金山香蕉	lb. 6 4 —		
Carambola	楊 桃	lb. 12 — —		
Coconuts	椰子	each 12 10 10		
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb. 12 25 80		
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each 13 8 —		
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb. 80 25 80		
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	lb. 18 — —		
Oranges	橙	lb. 28 — 15		
Pears (Canton)	沙 梨	lb. 18 — —		
Peanuts	花生	lb. 15 10 12		
Persimmons, Large	紅 柿	lb. 12 — —		
Plantain	大 蕉	lb. 5 8 —		
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each 22 12 6		
Walnuts	合 桃	lb. 22 — 16		
Grapes	香 提 子	lb. 60 — —		

Vegetables, &c.

	1931.	1918.	1914.	
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	
Artichokes	雞 尾 肥	each 12 — 2		
Benna, Sprout	豆 苗	lb. 5 — 7		
" Long	豆 苗	lb. 5 — 7		
Beet Root	紅 苕	lb. 12 — —		
Bitter Squash	苦 瓜	lb. 20 24 —		
Brinjals, Green	青 瓜	lb. 20 5 3		
" Red	紅 瓜	lb. 6 5 8		
Cabbage, Chinese	芥 菜	lb. 8 — —		
(Shanghai)	上海菜	lb. 12 12 —		
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔴 蔴	lb. 10 — —		
Cauliflower (Large)	大 花 椰 菜	each 24 — —		
" (Medium)	中 花 椰 菜	each 20 — —		
" (Small)	小 花 椰 菜	each 16 6 6		
Carrots	金 筍	lb. 6 5 6		
Celery, Chinese	美 菜	lb. 8 10 6		
Chilies, Dried	辣 椒	lb. 15 25 5		
" Red	紅 辣 椒	lb. 12 10 10		
" Green	青 辣 椒	lb. 8 8 12		
Curry Stuff, English	菜 料	lb. 10 — —		
Cucumbers	茄 瓜	lb. 20 2 —		
Garlic	蒜 頭	lb. 6 6 6		
Ginger, Young	子 姜	lb. 10 7 —		
" Old	老 姜	lb. 8 20 —		
Horseradish, Shanghai	美 菜	lb. 35 8 4		
Indian Corp	粟 米	lb. 9 45 —		
Lettuce	生菜	lb. 8 1 —		
Water Chestnuts	馬 蹄 薯	lb. 10 — 8		

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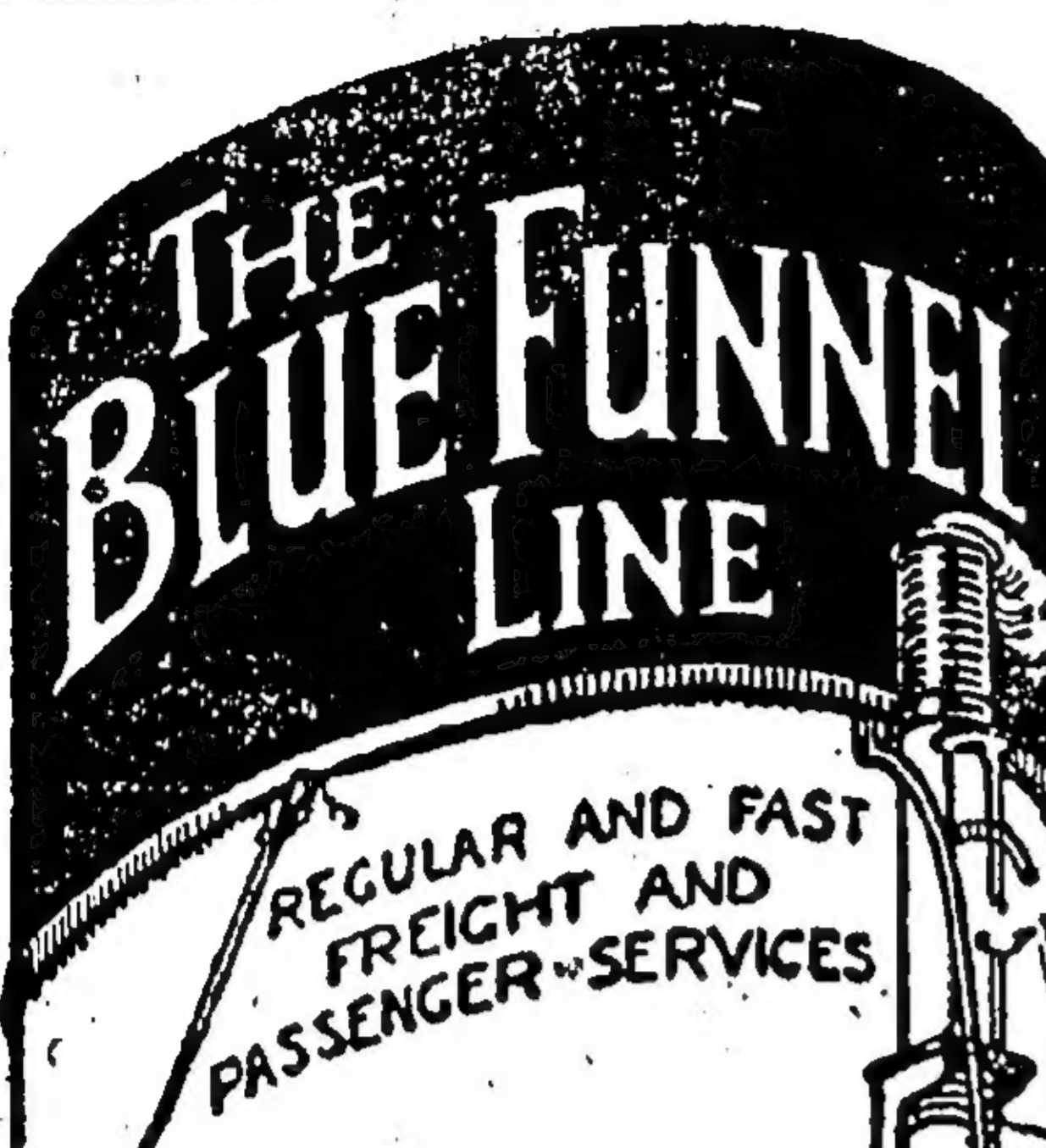
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PORTUGUESE BANK NOTES SCANDAL.

Judgment Reduced to
£300,000.

STAY OF EXECUTION.

London, Yesterday.
The Court of Appeal to-day re-
versed judgment against Messrs.
Waterlow and Sons to £300,000.
A stay of execution pending an
appeal to the House of Lords was
granted.—Reuter.

[Mr. Justice Wright gave
judgment in the King's Bench
Division on December 22 in
favour of the Bank of Portugal
for £531,851 against Messrs.
Waterlow and Sons, printers, of
whom Sir William Waterlow, ex-
Lord Mayor of London, is a Direc-
tor.

The case was a sequel to the
amazingly bold coup by a swin-
dler, in fraudulently obtaining
over £1,000,000 worth of bank
notes direct from Waterlow's on
forged orders. The Bank of Por-
tugal sued Waterlow for £1,115-
6-3, alleging, alternatively,
breaches of contract, negligence,
or conversion in connection with
the printing of the Portuguese
bank notes.

Plaintiffs' counsel asserted
that an international swindler
named Marang called at Water-
low's in 1924, bearing a forged
letter from the Governor of the
Bank of Portugal, and ordered
notes which were duly supplied
and circulated.

Defendants' counsel raised
legal arguments which the Judge
decided to hear next term. He,
therefore, deferred entering judg-
ment.]

LIBERALS' POLICY.

NO DECISION REACHED BY
MEETING.

VOTE OF CENSURE.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Lloyd George read at a meet-
ing of the Liberal parliamentary
candidates the declaration policy
recently adopted by the Liberal
Party in favour of the general sup-
port of the Government under cer-
tain conditions.

The meeting, after a long dis-
cussion reached no decision but
left the matter in the hands of the
Parliamentary Party. The latter's
attitude will be revealed on the divi-
sion next week on a Conservative
vote of censure on the subject of
unemployment.—Reuter.

Full Independence.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Addressing the Liberal Parlia-
mentary Candidates to-day Mr.
Lloyd George recommended to
them the declaration which the
Liberal "Shadow Cabinet" had
adopted. This annunciated the com-
plete independence of the Liberal
Party coupled with a policy of co-
operation and understanding with
the Government for carrying out
progressive measures common to
both parties. Every effort should
be made to effect a settlement of
Indian problems, while the Free
Trade policy hitherto pursued by
the Government should be sup-
ported. They were willing to run
risks as a Party for the sake of
such great aims as peace, dis-
armament, and harmony in India
and a more energetic unemploy-
ment policy. He expressed the
view that if the Government were
turned out of office at the present
a protectionist Government would
probably come into power.—British
Wireless Service.

GRAND NATIONAL PROBABLES.

Richmond II and Skrun
Prince Scratched.

CHANGES IN JOCKEYS.

London, Yesterday.
Richmond II and Skrun Prince
were scratched from the Grand
National to-day. It is also stated
that T. Morgan will ride Annan-
dale, Nindot will have the mount
on Rhyticere, Bideloup on Royal
Arch, and Sassoon on Pixie.

The revised list of probable
starters and jockeys will therefore
be as follows:—

Easter Hero	(Rees)
Gib	(Foster)
Shaun Gollin	(Keogh)
Gregalach	(Moloney)
Kakushin	(Everett)
Grakle	(Lyal)
Drityre	(Brownhill)
Kilbuck	(Chisman)
Sir Lindsay	(Thackray)
Trump Card	(W. Gurney)
Gyllovam	(Capt. Popler)
Drin	(Speck)
Swift Rowland	(Leader)
Thoras	(Walsh)
Ballasport	(D. Williams)
Guiding Light	(McKeever)
Great Span	(Hardy)
Georginatown	(Maxwell)
Apostasy	(Brookes)
Sandy Hook	(Fish)
Rhyticere	(Nindot)
Easy Virtue	(Powell)
Big Black Boy	(Payne)
Aspirant	(Parvin)
Starbox	(Urquhart)
May King	(Farnshaw)
Oxclose	(F. Gurney)
Mellera's Belle	(Mason)
Alike	(Scalder)
Clangston	(Brown)
Morekeen	(Cooke)
Ruddyman	(Brown)
Solanum	(Hamey)
Tamasha	(Elliott)
Mallard	(Dutton)
South Hill	(Cullinan)
Annandale	(T. Morgan)
Harewood	(Goode)
Toy Bell	(D. Morgan)
Slye-Grien	(Mosley)
Ballyhanwood	(Isaac)
Royal Arch II	(Bideloup)
Pixie	(Sassoon)

OFFICERS' PAY IN HONG KONG.

Not Paid on Same Basis
As Civil Servants.

QUESTION IN HOUSE.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons to-
day, Mr. Everard asked Mr. Shaw
whether military officers in Hong
Kong recruited on the basis of
half at the true of exchange and
half at an artificial exchange.
Mr. Shaw denied that officers were
thus paid and said that the major-
ity were paid in sterling but some
preferred to draw their pay from
the command paymaster and they
were paid in dollars at the official
rate of exchange.—Reuter.

RAILWAY PEACE.

ASSURED IN BRITAIN FOR AT
LEAST A YEAR.

London, Yesterday.
Railway peace is assured Great
Britain for at least a year as a
result of the decision of the
National Union of Railwaymen to-
day in accepting the award of the
National Wages Board for a re-
duction of wages.—Reuter.

NEW SOUTH WALES IN THE SOUP.

Refusal to Pay Interest
on Home Debts.

THREAT TO SECEDE.

Canberra, Yesterday.
Mr. Scullin announced in the
House of representatives that Mr.
Lang had telegraphed him that New
South Wales did not intend to pay
the interest due to the West-
minster Bank on April 1 nor any
subsequent interest payable in
London.

Members for the Riverina and
north New South Wales, after the
announcement threatened to secede
from New South Wales. Mr.
Theodore declared that Mr. Lang's
action was utterly unjustified.
There was no necessity hitherto for
any Government to refuse to pay
its debts. Mr. Scullin said that
Mr. Lang's proposed default raised
vital questions and asked: was the
Commonwealth legally liable in
event of default to pay interest due
to holders of New South Wales
bonds, and if so could Common-
wealth use the revenues contribut-
ed by other States?
Mr. Latham promised on the
part of the Opposition to support
the Government in any steps to en-
sure Mr. Lang's observance of the
financial agreement. Mr. Theo-
dore disclosed that Mr. Lang re-
fused to offer the Commonwealth Bank
assistance to prevent the default.—
Reuter.

RANGOON RIOTS.

SKIRMISHES BETWEEN REBELS
AND POLICE.

LEADERS KILLED.

Rangoon, Yesterday.
Twenty-eight people were killed
and large numbers wounded in
skirmishes between rebels and the
police in the Insein district of
Burma.

Sixty-five rebels attacked the
Police outpost, but the Police
drove them off, killing four and
wounding one. They also cap-
tured a gun and other weapons.
There were no casualties among
the police.

Later the rebels felled a tree
across the road and ambushed a
bus containing an Indian medical
officer and a posse of Police. The
doctor was seriously injured and
two rebels killed while others
were wounded.

Simultaneously the Police and
Punjabis found a rebel camp in
the jungle and killed twenty-two
of the rebels and captured seven
others who were wounded. They
also recovered a gun. They suf-
fered no casualties themselves but
two important rebel leaders were
killed.—Reuter.

WORLD DEPRESSION

OPTIMISTIC NOTE OF SIR
ARTHUR SALTER.

"OVERPOVERTY."

Nanking, Yesterday.
Sir Arthur Salter speaking at
a tiffin given by the International
Club, sounded an optimistic
note in connection with the world-
wide depression. He declared that
the present crisis was due to over-
production and not due to general
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KAY JOHNSON—REGINALD DENNY
LILLIAN ROTH, ROLAND YOUNG
Directed by **CECIL B. DE MILLE.**

COMING SHORTLY

SINGERS, DANCERS, GLORIOUS GIRLS AND
THE REGAL BEAUTY OF COLORS THAT
TURN THE RAINBOW GREEN WITH ENVY!



WINNIE LIGHTNER
CONWAY TEARLE
NICK LUCAS
NANCY WELFORD
ANN PENNINGTON
CHORUS OF 100
DAZZLING BEAUTIES
STAGE ORCHESTRATION BY
LARRY CEBALLOS
DIRECTED BY
ROY DEL RUTH

VITAPHONE

BEBE DANIELS
IN "SWIM GIRL
SWIM"

Gertrude Ederle
James Hall
Josephine Dore

AT THE **STAR**

TO-MORROW AT 9.15.

MUSIC FROM
THE ETHER

presented by
**MAURICE AND GINETTE
MARTENOT**

TO-DAY AT 5.30 & 9.20.
TO-MORROW AT 2.30 & 5.30